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INCREASE IN FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether contagious Food and Mouth Disease (FMD) in cattle has severely affected the productivity of the livestock and also the livestock industry;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the estimated direct economic loss due to the disease;
- (c) whether the Union Government has prepared a long term road map for FMD control;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the other steps taken by the Union Government to control the FMD?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. CHARAN DAS MAHANT)

(a) & (b) Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) in cattle causes severe drop in livestock productivity and also affects livestock industry. As per the Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR), the rough estimate of direct economic loss from the disease is about Rs. 20,000 crore per annum that includes loss of milk, meat, draught power and cost of treatment etc.

(c) & (d) In order to prevent, control and contain the Foot and Mouth disease in the country, the Department has started a long term road map by initiating 'Foot and Mouth Disease Control Programme (FMD-CP)' since 10th Five Year Plan period in 54 districts which was extended in 11th Plan to 221 districts and thus now covers all the districts in the States/UTs of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Goa, Gujarat, Punjab, Haryana, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu, Delhi, Lakshadweep, Puducherry and 16 districts in Uttar Pradesh.

The required doses of FMD vaccine are provided by the Central Government to the states under FMD-CP. The central assistance (100%) is also provided to the states under this programme towards cost of logistics for carrying out vaccination. Sero-monitoring to know the immune status in animals vaccinated under FMD-CP is also being done under the aegis of Project Directorate on Foot and Mouth Disease (PD-FMD), laboratory under ICAR. The scope of the FMD control programme will further be expanded so as to cover remaining districts in phased manner.

(e) Funds are also being provided to all the States/UTs other than those covered under FMD-CP for control of economically important diseases of livestock including FMD under Assistant to States for Control of Animal Diseases (ASCAD) as per the approved pattern of financial assistance under the Scheme.