GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AGRICULTURE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3716 ANSWERED ON:04.09.2012 REARING OF PIGS Punia Shri P.L.

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received a proposal from the State Government of Uttar Pradesh for reducing the threat of various diseases in pigs reared in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the cost involved therein; and

(c) the action taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

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

a). A proposal was received from the Government of Uttar Pradesh seeking financial assistance of Rs. 13110.98 lakh towards control of Japanese Encephalitis (JE) during 2011-12 and Rs. 8918.98 lakh during 2012-13.

b) and c). The proposal received during 2011-12 had three components namely Surveillance Veterinary Health & Human resource, Awareness, Publicity through media and Modern Housing/ Hygiene & Sanitation of pig houses. The proposal for Rs. 1.66 lakh was on account of Surveillance Veterinary Health & Human resource and Rs. 9.32 lakh on account of Awareness, Publicity through media which were agreed to, by the Department and the state Government was advised to utilize the funds under the scheme `Assistance to States for Control of Animal Disease (ASCAD)`. Besides, an amount of Rs. 13100.00 lakh was asked for modern housing / hygiene & Sanitation of pig houses. The state was requested to submit a clarification regarding the scheme of the Department under which the financial assistance for pig housing was requested for.

During 2012-13, a fresh proposal amounting to Rs. 8918.98 lakh including Rs. 8908.00 lakh towards modern housing/ hygiene & Sanitation of pig houses was received. The proposal did not fit into the parameters of the Department's scheme of Pig Development which has a total allocation of Rs. 1000.00 lakh only and is being implemented through NABARD. Therefore, the state has been suggested to explore the possibility of obtaining grants from National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) for above purpose.