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OUTBREAK OF DEADLY DISEASES AMONGST LIVESTOCKS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any reports of outbreak of deadly diseases including foot and mouth disease amongst the livestock population in various parts of the country including Uttar Pradesh during the last one year and the current year;
- (b) if so, the estimated number of birds/animals culled as a result thereof;
- (c) the success achieved so far by the Government in preventing the spread of these diseases;
- (d) whether the Government is considering to include all the States including Uttar Pradesh under foot and mouth disease control programme; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) The reports of outbreak of deadly diseases (which may cause death) including Foot and Mouth Disease in livestock population have been reported in the country during last one year i.e. January 2012 to December 2012 and the current year (up to March 2013). The diseases that have high mortality rate in livestock including poultry include Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (Bird Flu), Newcastle disease, Glanders, Anthrax, Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR) and Rabies.

(b) & (c) Culling of birds/animals has been carried out to contain only outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza and Glanders in the country. During this period, a total of 1.40 lakhs number of birds were culled to contain Avian Influenza outbreak. An amount of Rs. 5.73 lakh has been paid as compensation for forced culling of poultry and destruction of eggs and poultry feed. States are constantly alerted for taking preventive measures, to monitor preparedness and maintain intensive surveillance. The timely measures have been taken by the Government of India for control and containment of Avian Influenza outbreaks as well as to prevent its ingress into the country, as a result of which most of the outbreaks were contained at source. However, two outbreaks have been notified on 5th August, 2013 in State of Chhattisgarh, for which necessary control and containment measures have been initiated. Regarding control of other diseases, funds are being provided to the States for prevention and control of economically important diseases of livestock and poultry like Foot and Mouth Disease, Hemorrhagic Septicemia, PPR, Newcastle disease etc. under the scheme 'Assistance to States for Control of Animal Diseases (ASCAD)'. Assistance is also being provided to States/ UTs under ASCAD for prevention and control of PPR and FMD which are not covered under National Control Programme on PPR and Foot and Mouth Disease Control Programme (FMD-CP). Necessary control measures have been taken by the State Governments for control and containment of the diseases during the period.

Recently, an outbreak of Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome (PRRS) was reported in pigs in State of Mizoram and for control of which, culling of 26 pigs had been undertaken as on date as reported by the Government of Mizoram.

(d) & (e): In order to prevent, control and contain the Foot and Mouth disease in the country, the Department has initiated 'Foot and Mouth Disease Control Programme (FMD-CP)' since 10th Five Year Plan period in 54 districts which was extended in 11th Five Year 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.

On Department's proposal for implementation of Livestock Health & Disease Control Scheme during 12th Plan Period, Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) has already recommended the proposal to expand the scope of the FMD Control Programme in 12th Plan so as to cover entire country under in phased manner subject to availability of overall funds and vaccine. Presently 16 districts of Uttar Pradesh have been covered under FMD Control programme and State Government has been advised to undertake control of FMD in rest of the districts under the component 'Assistance to States for Control of Animal Disease' under Livestock Health & Disease Control Scheme.