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FMD CONTROL PROGRAMME  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the estimated annual loss in production of milk due to Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD). State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to expand the FMD Control Programme (FMD- CP) to certain more districts during the 12th Plan period and if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to prevent control and contain the FMD, expand FMD-CP all over the country in a phased and time-bound manner and brought under control in entire country by the year 2025?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) Foot & Mouth Disease (FMD) is one of the most economically devastating contagious viral animal disease affecting all susceptible cloven-footed animals. As per the information received from the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), annual direct loss due to FMD has been estimated at ₹20,000 crore that includes losses due to drop in milk production and draft power. However, the state-wise losses due to FMD have not been estimated.

(b) & (c) 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 to 221 districts in the 11th Five Year Plan Period. During 12th Plan Period, it is envisaged to cover all the remaining States in a phased manner subject to overall availability of funds and vaccine. Accordingly, the scope of the programme has already been expanded during 12th Plan Period up till now to cover remaining districts of Uttar Pradesh and all the districts of Rajasthan & Bihar. Therefore, as of now, FMD Control Programme is being implemented in 351 districts of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Maharashtra, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Goa, Rajasthan, Bihar, Puducherry, Delhi, Andaman & Nicobar, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu and Lakshadweep.

Till such time, all the districts in the country are brought under FMD-CP, need-based FMD vaccination are carried out under a centrally sponsored scheme of the Department i.e. 'Assistance to States for Control of Animal Diseases (ASCAD)'. It is expected that with the implementation of a planned control programme covering the whole country in a phased manner under FMD-CP, the vaccination will be gradually stopped and the disease brought controlled in entire country by the year 2025.