

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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INFECTIOUS DISEASE SPREAD BY CATTLE  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether the human beings are suffering from serious infectious disease caused by cattle and other animals;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to maintain the record of birth and death of animals like that of human beings in view of infectious disease caused by cattle;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has decided to set up National Institute of Zoonosis at Nagpur in Maharashtra for protection from the infectious disease caused by cattle and rectification in the treatment of such disease; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) & (b): There are many infectious diseases naturally transmitted between animals and human beings. Such diseases are called zoonotic diseases. Some of such important zoonotic diseases are Brucellosis, tuberculosis, anthrax, leptospirosis, salmonellosis, campylobacteriosis, listeriosis, rabies, Japanese encephalitis, avian influenza, hydatidosis, cysticercosis, toxoplasmosis, cryptosporidiosis, rickettsial infections including scrub typhus etc. Many of these diseases are prevalent in India.

(c) & (d) : Prevention, control and containment of animal diseases is done by respective State Governments. There is no record maintained for birth of animals like that of human beings in view of infectious disease caused by cattle. However, at present, State Animal Husbandry Departments record the morbidity and mortality of the animals due to infectious diseases and this data are compiled at state level and reported to this Department in the format for reporting of animal diseases.

(e) & (f) : As per the information received from Indian Council of Agricultural Research and Indian Council of Medical Research, the Government has not decided to set up National Institute of Zoonosis at Nagpur. However, a proposal has been received from Maharashtra Animal & Fisheries Sciences University, College of Veterinary Sciences, Nagpur under Niche Area Excellence for setting up a Centre for Zoonotic Disease Research at Nagpur, which is under consideration for joint funding programme by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).