

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SPREAD OF DISEASES AMONG LIVESTOCK NO
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the prevalence of various diseases of livestock like Haemorrhagic septicaemia and Foot and Mouth disease in various parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including names of the States/UTs which are affected by these diseases and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of deaths of livestock during each of the last three years and the current year due to these diseases along with the total loss in monetary term; and
- (d) the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b). Various diseases of livestock like Haemorrhagic septicaemia and Foot and Mouth disease (FMD) are regularly reported from different parts of the country. Haemorrhagic Septicaemia (HS) is caused by bacteria (*Pasteurella multocida*) which generally inhabits respiratory tract of the animals. The bacteria flare up due to stress (high humidity and high temperatures) in animals resulting in the fatal disease. FMD, a viral disease mostly occurs in unvaccinated animals/areas. State-wise details of outbreaks, attacks and deaths due to HS and FMD as reported by States for last three years and the current year are given in the annexure.

(c) As per information available on deaths of livestock due to HS and FMD, 11261 cattle and buffaloes, 840 sheep & goats and 37 pigs died during 2011, 2012, and 2013. Though the exact data on loss in monetary terms for the death of animals is not available due to varying age, breed and category (milch or draught type) of died animals, however, presuming all animals as milch animals and norms prescribed for cow, buffalo and sheep & goat under National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF), the maximum loss on account of deaths of cattle & buffaloes is estimated at Rs.1.5 crore, Rs. 2.7 crore and Rs. 14.28 crore, Rs. 0.93 crore respectively during the years 2011,2012, 2013 & 2014 (upto April, 2014). Similarly for sheep and goat, it is estimated at Rs. 1.65 lakh, Rs. 2.92 lakh, Rs. 9.29 lakh and Rs.0.86 lakh during the years 2011,2012, 2013 & 2014 (upto April, 2014).

d) In order to supplement the efforts of State/UT Governments in prevention, control and containment of diseases of livestock, Department is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'Livestock Health & Disease Control (LH & DC)' in the country. Under Assistance to States for Control of Animal Diseases (ASCAD), one of the components of 'Livestock Health & Disease Control (LH & DC)', funds are provided to states/ UTs for immunization against economically important diseases of livestock including HS and FMD. Moreover, to prevent economic losses due to FMD, an intensive Foot and Mouth Disease Control Programme (FMD-CP) is also being implemented in States/ UTs of Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh (16 districts), Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa, Daman & Diu, Andaman and Nicobar, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Lakshadweep and Puducherry. FMD-CP has been further expanded to Rajasthan and the remaining districts of Uttar Pradesh in February, 2014. Besides, the vaccination is also carried out against PPR and Brucellosis under Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR) Control Programme and Brucellosis Control Programme. A new component namely Classical Swine Fever Control Programme has been launched since February, 2014 for control of Classical Swine Fever in pigs with initial focus on North-eastern State.