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COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

THIRTY-EIGHT REPORT

SHRI G. LAKSHMANAN (Madras North): Sir, I beg to present the Thirty-eight Report of the Committee on Private Members' Bills and Resolutions.

SHRI SATYASADHAN CHAKRABORTY (Calcutta South): What about my Calling Attention on the shortage of wheat in Delhi ration shops? Only today I did not get my wheat from the ration shop. (Interruptions).

MR. SPEAKER: I have not rejected; it is under my consideration. Nothing goes on record. Shri Eduardo Faleiro.

(Interruptions)*

12.10 hrs.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

REPORTED DEATH OF MILCH CATTLE DUE TO INJECTION OF SUB-STANDARD VACCINE AGAINST RINDERPEST

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO (Mormugao): Sir, I call the attention of the Hon. Minister of Agriculture to the following matter of urgent public importance and I request that he may make a statement thereon:—

“Reported death of about five thousand milch cattle due to injection of substandard vaccine against rinderpest supplied by Indian Veterinary Research Institute. Izatnagar, Bareilly.”

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): The outbreak of rinderpest was

reported in the Union Territory of Delhi in late September, 1981. The affected areas were visited by the officers of the Ministry of Agriculture, who had extended advice to the concerned officers of the Delhi Administration. The Deputy Commissioner, Livestock Health had visited the affected area on 31st October, 1981 alongwith the Deputy Director, Animal Husbandry of Delhi Administration. Instructions were issued on the spot and followed by a D. O. letter from the Animal Husbandry Commissioner addressed to the Development Commissioner, Delhi on 6th November, 1981 giving the details of the action to be taken for combating the epidemic.

The Assistant Commissioner (Rinder pest) of the Ministry of Agriculture had a meeting with the Development Commissioner, Delhi Administration on 3rd November, 1981 as a further follow up measure. The Animal Husbandry Commissioner had also visited the affected areas on 1st December, 1981 and had given, on the spot instructions, which were followed up by a note on the visit sent to the Development Commissioner, Delhi Administration, on 2nd December, 1981, incorporating recommendations to be immediately followed, for control of the epidemic.

A task force comprising Joint Commissioner (Livestock Health), Head Division of Virology of I. V. R. I. and Deputy Director (Animal Husbandry), Delhi Administration, was constituted to suggest short term and long term measures to control the disease outbreak. A.D.O. letter dated 11-12-1981 from the Secretary (Agriculture and Cooperation) to the Chief Secretary, Delhi Administration was sent giving the recommendations made by the Task Force. The D.O. letter had highlighted the fact that the advice rendered by Animal Husbandry Commissioner, which had been communicated to the Delhi Administration has not been fully implemented. The D.O. letter also made suggestions regarding the sanitary disposal of the carcasses.