

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING  
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2025  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER, 2022

**INCREASED USE OF ANTIBIOTICS**

2025 SHRI S. KALYANASUNDARAM:  
SHRI M. MOHAMED ABDULLA:  
SHRI R. GIRIRAJAN

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether increase in demand for poultry products would cause an exponential increase in the use of antibiotics in food production;
- (b) if so, the details of the initiatives taken/proposed to be taken by Government keeping in mind that poultry producers must take rigorous action and implement Government regulations to control the massive use of antibiotics in poultry farms in India; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING  
(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)**

(a) and (b) There is no such data/evidence available with the Department on an exponential increase in the use of antibiotics in food production with increase in demand for poultry products. However, the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying has issued advisories to all State/UTs for judicious use of antibiotics in treatment of food producing animals, for stopping the use of antibiotics in animal feed as growth promoter and for general awareness

(c) Question does not arise.

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