

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2028
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23RD DECEMBER, 2022

MISUSE OF ANTIBIOTICS IN ANIMAL FARMING SECTOR

2028 SHRI SANJEEV ARORA:

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

- (a) whether Government has taken cognizance regarding misuse of antibiotics in animal farming sector; and
- (b) if so, the steps taken by Government as India ranks fourth in terms of animal antibiotic sales?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & DAIRYING

(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

- (a) and (b) There is no such data or information available with the department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying regarding the misuse of antibiotics in animal farming sector. However, the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India has issued advisories regarding judicious use of antibiotics in food producing animals. The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India has also issued advisories to the poultry farmers for improving bio-security in poultry farms. As per information received from the Central Drugs Standards Control Organization (CDSCO) import, manufacture, sale, distribution of drugs including antibiotics are regulated under the provisions of Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Rules thereunder. Antibiotics are required to be sold by retail only under prescription of a Registered Veterinary Practitioner. Further, in order to regulate the sale of antibiotics, the Drugs &Cosmetics Rules, 1945 has been amended suitably and it is now mandatory that the container of the medicine for treatment of food producing animals requires to be labelled with the withdrawal period of the drug for the species on which it is intended to be used. On the recommendations of the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Colistin and its formulations have been prohibited vide Gazette notification no. S.O. 2607(E) dated 19.07.2019 to be manufactured, sold and distributed for food producing animals, poultry, aqua farming and animal feed supplement
