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DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 186
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SPREAD OF AVIAN VIRAL DISEASES

*186. SHRI CONSTANDINE RAVINDRAN:

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

- (a) whether Government has initiated a nationwide surveillance programme following the first reported detection of Parrot Bornavirus-4 (PaBV-4) in captive birds in the country;
- (b) the biosecurity guidelines issued to zoological parks, aviaries, breeding centres and bird owners for preventing the spread of emerging avian viral diseases;
- (c) whether diagnostic facilities for early detection of such infections have been strengthened; and
- (d) the measures taken to protect captive and endangered avian species through coordinated disease monitoring?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

(SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS LALAN SINGH)

- (a) to (d) statement is laid on the table of the house.

**STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY OF LOKSABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.
PART (a) to (d) SPREAD OF AVIAN VIRAL DISEASES**

- (a) Sample testing for detection of avian related emerging and exotic disease is done at ICAR-National Institute of High Security Animal Diseases (NIHSAD), Bhopal, which is the national reference laboratory for emerging and exotic diseases and is under the Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE)-ICAR. As per the information received from Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), no sample suspected for Parrot Bornavirus (PaBV-4) has been received and the pathogen has not been detected in any of sample tested by ICAR laboratories. Therefore, no specific surveillance activity for PaBV-4 has been undertaken.
- (b) Following steps have been taken by the Department for preventing the spread of emerging avian viral diseases.
- i. Formulated National Action Plan for Prevention, Control and Containment of Avian Influenza.
 - ii. Formulated Poultry Disease Action Plan emphasizing proactive disease management through biosecurity measures, enhanced surveillance, and vaccination protocols.
 - iii. Advisories issued to States and Union Territories, from time to time, for strengthening biosecurity and disease preparedness.
 - iv. Biosecurity measures and response protocols are prescribed for the prevention and control of Avian Influenza in non-poultry species including detection and response.
- (c) & (d) Important steps taken by the Government for early detection and monitoring are as follows:
- i. Department has supported the designated five Regional Disease Diagnostic Laboratories (RDDLs) and one Central Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (CDDL) for specialized and referral diagnostic services for avian diseases. These laboratories support surveillance, diagnosis and confirmation of important avian diseases.
 - ii. Formulated the Crisis Management Plan (CMP) for diseases, which also include avian diseases, for managing and responding to disease outbreaks, ensuring swift containment, mitigation and handling of avian health crises and reducing pandemic risks through prevention and control measures.
