

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1182
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9th FEBRUARY 2021

MEDICINES AND VACCINES FOR ANIMAL HUSBANDRY SECTOR

1182. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to formulate a concrete policy in co-operation with the Department of Animal Husbandry to provide quality medicines and vaccines to animal husbandry sector and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is a fact that animals were to be vaccinated for foot and mouth diseases under the National Disease Control Programme in the State of Rajasthan including Galore district but the said vaccines were not found as per the quality standard and the vaccination programme had to be cancelled and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is contemplating to follow international standards for providing quality vaccines and medicines to animal husbandry sector and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of action proposed to be taken against company officials for not complying with these standards?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
(DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India, complements and supplements the efforts of the States/UTs for providing quality medicines and vaccines, which includes formulating strategic policies and giving financial assistance for vaccination, prevention and control of animal diseases under its schemes of Livestock Health & Disease Control (LH&DC) and National Animal Disease Control Programme for Foot & Mouth Disease (FMD) and Brucellosis (NADCP).

(b) Yes, Sir. FMD vaccines were supplied to Galore (Jalore) district of Rajasthan. However, as the vaccine batches failed to comply with the quality criteria laid down by the Department, the vaccination in Galore (Jalore) district, did not commence whereas in other districts of Rajasthan where vaccination was on-going, it was withheld.

(c) The Department follows World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) standards for vaccines and medicines in consultation with experts' opinion on the subject.

(d) Adequate provisions of compensating the Government agencies by suppliers are made during procurement of vaccines and medicines in case such products fail the quality standards laid down for such procurement.
