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MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & DAIRYING
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & DAIRYING
LOK SABHA
ADMITTED QUESTION NO. 230
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2ND FEBRUARY, 2021

RISE IN BIRD DEATHS IN RAJASTHAN

230. SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & DAIRYING

मात्स्यिकी, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether keeping in view the rising number of bird deaths and cases of bird flu and large scale animal husbandry in Rajasthan, the Government has proposed to set up veterinary RTPCR lab in the State; and
- (b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be done?

ANSWER

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

(a) No Sir. However, keeping in view the recent outbreaks of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (Bird flu) as well as to facilitate testing processes, States/UTs have been requested to carry out preliminary screening of samples in their laboratories which have minimum BSL-2 facilities and diagnostic capability. Further, in response to the request of Government of Rajasthan for strengthening its laboratory, Rs. 20.00 lakhs has been released, which is included in Rs. 1024.11 lakh already released to Rajasthan under Assistance to States for Control of Animal Diseases (ASCAD), a component of Livestock Health & Disease Control (LH & DC) scheme.

(b) Question does not arise
