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DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
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STRENGTHENING ANIMAL HEALTH SECURITY IN INDIA

1185. SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:

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Will the Minister of FISHERIES ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री
be pleased to State:

- (a) the details of strengthening of Animal Health Security in India for Pandemic preparedness and response;
- (b) the details of role of veterinary treatment guidelines and crisis management plan for reducing risk of pandemics; and
- (c) the details of steps taken to upgrade and expand the laboratory network, improve the interoperable data systems, building capacity for data analytics and risk communication under this programme?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & DAIRYING

(SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS LALAN SINGH)

(a) The details of strengthening of Animal Health Security in India for Pandemic preparedness and response through Pandemic Fund Project on Animal Health Security are outlined as follows:

1. Department has launched G-20 Pandemic Fund Project on “Animal Health Security Strengthening in India for Pandemic Preparedness and Response” with following major interventions:

- i. Strengthening and integrating disease surveillance and early warning system.
- ii. Strengthening health security for transboundary animal diseases
- iii. Upgrading, and expanding the laboratory network.

2. Department supports states/UTs under National Animal Disease Control Programme (NADCP) for vaccination against Foot & Mouth disease (FMD), Brucellosis, PPR and CSF including serosurveillance and seromonitoring of the diseases. Till date, total 99.17 crore, 4.36 crore, 18.40 crore, 0.61 crore vaccine doses have been administered against for FMD, Brucellosis, PPR and CSF respectively.

Under the component of Assistance to States/UTs for Control of Animal Disease (ASCAD) supports states/UTs for control of important exotic, emergent and zoonotic animal diseases prioritized by the respective States/UTs and the total of 26.25 crore cattle have been vaccinated/re-vaccinated for LSD so far. Under the component of Establishment and Strengthening of Veterinary Hospitals and Dispensaries (ESVHD-MVU), financial

assistance has been provided to states/UTs and 4016 MVUs are operationalised helping in delivery of veterinary healthcare services at farmers' doorsteps in respect to disease diagnosis, treatment, vaccination, minor surgical interventions, audio-visual aids and extension services.

(b) The details of role of Veterinary Treatment Guidelines and Crisis Management Plan for reducing risk of pandemics are as follows:

- i. The 'Standard Veterinary Treatment Guidelines (SVTGs) for Livestock and Poultry' outlines best practices in veterinary care to enhance livestock health and productivity with responsible use of antimicrobials with sustainable guidelines for effective, economical and consistent veterinary treatment. SVTGs aims to standardize veterinary practices nationwide through evidence-based treatments, addressing judicious use of antimicrobial, minimizing residues in the food chain and support in day-to-day veterinary practice.
- ii. The Crisis Management Plan (CMP) for Livestock Diseases' provides a structured approach to managing and responding to animal disease outbreaks, ensuring swift containment, mitigation and handling of animal health crises and reducing pandemic risks through prevention and control measures.

(c) The details of steps taken to upgrade and expand the laboratory network, improve the interoperable data systems, building capacity for data analytics and risk communication under Pandemic Fund Project on Animal Health Security and Livestock Health and Disease Control Programme (LHDCP) are as follows:

- i. Assessment of Central and Regional Disease Diagnostic Laboratories for further strengthening and upgradation of existing animal health laboratories including strengthening the Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) and Laboratory Quality Management System (LQMS) has been done.
- ii. Department under the component of Assistance to States for Control of Animal Disease (ASCAD) is supporting state/UTs in regard to capacity building of State Biological Production Units and Disease Diagnostic Laboratories, surveillance and monitoring of livestock diseases, Research & Innovation and Training with continuous veterinary education.
- iii. Department launched the Pandemic Fund Project on "Animal Health Security Strengthening in India for Pandemic Preparedness and Response" with following major interventions like strengthening and integrating disease surveillance and early warning system, strengthening health security for transboundary animal diseases and Upgrading, and expanding the laboratory network.
