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DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
LOK SABHA
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TO BE ANSWERED ON 17TH DECEMBER, 2024

QUALITY STANDARDS IN ANIMAL HUSBANDRY SECTOR

3645. SHRI JYOTIRMAY SINGH MAHATO:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to improve the quality standards in the animal husbandry, fisheries and dairy sector particularly in relation to animal health product safety;
- (b) the details of the measures implemented to ensure adherence to the quality standards across the country;
- (c) whether the Government has collaborated with any research institute or international organisation to adopt best practice for quality improvement; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & DAIRYING

(SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS LALAN SINGH)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) The details of the measures implemented to ensure adherence to the quality standards across the country are as follows:
 - (i) Department has constituted an "Empowered Committee for Animal Health' (ECAH) for policy inputs related to animal husbandry sector and to provide analytics based recommendation to Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) which regulates the quality, safety and efficacy of veterinary drugs and vaccines in the country. Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izatnagar has been established as Central Drugs Laboratory (CDL), for testing of Immunobiological meant for Veterinary use in India as per the provisions of the Drugs & Cosmetic Act 1940. Chaudhary Charan Singh National Institute of Animal Health (CCSNIAH) under Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD) undertake the quality control and assurance of standard, efficient and safe Veterinary biological (vaccines) and diagnostics including recommendation of license of veterinary vaccines.
 - (ii) Department is implementing "National Programme for Dairy Development (NPDD)" scheme across the country with the objectives of creation/strengthening infrastructure for quality milk testing, procurement, processing, value addition and marketing of milk & milk Products.
 - (iii) Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) conducts research on Animal Health and nutrition for enhancing Animal Health. Besides, Central and Regional Disease Diagnosis Laboratories, the ICAR laboratories like ICAR-NIHSAD, Bhopal, ICAR-

NIVEDI, Bangalore, ICAR-NRCE, Hisar, ICAR-NIFMD, Bhubaneswar and ICAR-IVRI, Bareilly are supporting in testing of animal and animal products, disease surveillance and testing of vaccines for potency, sterility and safety as per the international standards.

- (iv) National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) promotes research in fisheries to ensure quality and productivity and approved disease diagnostic centre, quality testing and referral laboratories and mobile centres. The Central Aquaculture Authority (CAA) regulates the hatcheries and farming of shrimp and issued certificates of compliance to aquaculture inputs as free from adulterants and contaminants.
 - (v) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) regulates the manufacturing, storage, distribution, sales, and imports of safe, quality animal products like milk, meat, egg etc. in the Country. Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011 provides and regulate the safety and standards in respect to products like milk products, egg products, meat products, fish products, feeds etc.
 - (vi) Under Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) compliance to Indian Standards in the field of Animal Husbandry, Fisheries and the Dairy Sector in respect to animal feed and nutrition, fisheries and aquaculture, dairy products and animal husbandry equipment is made compulsory by the Government with mandatory use of Standard Mark under a licence or certificate of conformity (CoC) through issuance of Quality Control Orders (QCOs).
- (c) & (d): Yes, Sir. Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying is technically supported by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) which collaborates with various national and international research institutions like Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH), World Trade Organization (WTO) to adopt best practices for quality improvement and quality standards in the animal husbandry, fisheries and dairy sector. CCS NIAH has a collaborative programme between ICAR and World Reference Laboratory (WRL), Pirbright (UK) for FMD vaccine quality testing and enhancing India's animal vaccine testing capabilities.
