

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *425
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01ST APRIL, 2025

AFRICAN SWINE FEVER

*425. SHRI PRADANBARUAH:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

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be pleased to State:

- (a) whether recent outbreak of African Swine Fever (ASF) in the country has affected pig farmers, particularly small-scale and backyard farmers in terms of economic losses, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to compensate the farmers in most affected States like Assam; and
- (c) the details of steps taken by the Government to stop the spread of the disease?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & DAIRYING

(SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS LALAN SINGH)

- (a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) IN RESPECT OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 425 FOR REPLY ON 01.04.2025 REGARDING AFRICAN SWINE FEVER ASKED BY SHRI PRADAN BARUAH

(a), (b) & (c) Yes, as per the information provided by the states, there have been some outbreaks of African Swine Fever (ASF). As per the National Action Plan on ASF, stamping out pigs and destruction of feed within a 1 km infected zone is advocated. Central Government, under the sub-component Assistance to States for Control of Animal Diseases (ASCAD) of Livestock Health & Disease Control Program (LHDCP) provides financial support to the States/UTs as per the demand of the state on 50:50 (Centre: State) sharing basis to compensate the animal owners for culling of pigs and destruction of feed in the infected area.

Government compensates the affected farmers in the prescribed manner as under:

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- i. Compensation is provided to affected farmers for the culling of pigs and feed as follows: Rs. 2,200 for piglets up to 15 kg, Rs. 5,800 for growers/adults weighing 15-40 kg, Rs. 8,400 for breeding boars/sows weighing 40-70 kg, Rs. 12,000 for those weighing 70-100 kg, and Rs. 15,000 for those exceeding 100 kg. Additionally, feed is compensated at Rs. 22.00 per kilogram. The funding follows a 50:50 sharing pattern between the Centre and the State under ASCAD as per the demand received from the states.
 - ii. During, 2025, as reported by the states, ASF outbreaks are noticed in the eight states namely Meghalaya, Sikkim, Haryana, Karnataka, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Mizoram, Andhra Pradesh wherein 80 affected pigs died. The compensation amount of Rs. 12.22 crore (Central Share) have been released to the states as per their demand from 2021 to 2025 under ASCAD.

In regard to Assam, the amount of Rs. 2.25 crore (Central Share) has been released to the state as per the demand under ASCAD for compensation to affected farmers against the culling of 6309 pigs from 2020 to 2024.

As per the demand received from the states, the details of funds (compensation) released to the most affected States during the last two years and current year under ASCAD for ASF is placed at Annexure -I.

Government has taken multipronged steps to stop the spread of the ASF disease as under:

- i. Formulation and circulation of the National Action Plan (NAP) for the control, containment, and eradication of ASF, incorporating measures such as movement control, stamping out pigs within a 1 km infected zone, cleaning and disinfection, waste disposal, restrictions on pig feeding, limitations on pork meat, and enhanced surveillance.
- ii. The government is extending financial assistance to States and Union Territories under ASCAD for various activities, including control and containment operations, surveillance, capacity building, establishing & strengthening diagnostic infrastructure, training programs, raising awareness on biosecurity, and promoting animal health initiatives.
- iii. Department has also issued the advisory to the states to maintain proper liaison with Police and Border agencies to check illegal entries of pigs from neighboring countries/states.

- iv. On-ground technical support is facilitated through the visits of Central teams, which also oversee the formation of Rapid Response Teams (RRTs) at the state level.
- v. Coordinating with the Forest Department to monitor and investigate unusual mortality in wild and feral pig populations, ensuring timely reporting and effective control measures.
- vi. ICAR –National Institute of High Security Animal Diseases (ICAR-NIHSAD), Bhopal, has been mobilized to conduct epidemiological investigations in affected states. This includes decentralizing ASF testing and screening through PCR, facilitated by the Central Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (CDDL), five Regional Disease Diagnostic Laboratories (RDDLs), Guru Angad Dev Veterinary & Animal Sciences University (GADVASU) Ludhiana, the State Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory, Gangtok, and ICAR- North Eastern Hill Region (NEH) Region, Meghalaya. These efforts also encompass sero-surveillance, sero-monitoring, training, and capacity building.
- vii. The Crisis Management Plan (CMP) has been developed for Livestock diseases in managing and responding to animal disease outbreaks, ensuring swift containment and mitigation.
- viii. Department has launched the Pandemic Fund for the "Animal Health Security Strengthening in India for Pandemic Preparedness and Response" project aimed at bolstering readiness toward pandemic situation.

Annexure-I

Details of funds (compensation) released to the most affected states during the last two years and current year under ASCAD in respect to ASF (Rs. in Lakh)				
Sl. No.	Names of States	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
1	Assam	0.00	75.00	150.00
2	Haryana	0.00	32.23	0.00
3	Karnataka	43.75	187.50	150.00
4	Kerala	0.00	88.80	153.22
5	Madhya Pradesh	2.50	5.00	0.00
6	Maharashtra	0.00	11.50	15.63
7	Manipur	0.00	7.50	63.25
8	Meghalaya	0.00	12.50	0.00
9	Mizoram	0.00	131.66	9.33
10	Rajasthan	0.00	5.00	0.00
11	Sikkim	37.51	40.25	0.00
Total		83.76	596.94	541.43
