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MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
LOK SABHA
ADMITTED UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1866
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11th MARCH, 2025

DISEASE AMONG CATTLE

1866. SHRI AZAD KIRTI JHA:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) has been adopted to be followed in the event of an outbreak of any disease among domesticated animals to curb the spread, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any efforts has been taken to increase disease surveillance among cattle, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the measures taken by the Government to enhance treatment and diagnostic infrastructure, along with capacity building initiatives for animal health professionals, to comprehensively address animal pandemics during the last three years?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATES FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & DAIRYING

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- a. Yes. the details of Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) in the event of an outbreak of diseases are as follows;

- (i) Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying has formulated and circulated the National Action Plans (NAPs) for identification and notification of the affected area, isolation of affected animals and implementation of biosecurity measures, restriction on movement of livestock etc. to undertake the control measures during disease outbreak
- (ii) The Crisis Management Plan (CMP) has been developed for Livestock diseases in managing and responding to animal disease outbreaks, ensuring swift containment and mitigation.
- (iii) 'Standard Veterinary Treatment Guidelines (SVTGs) has been formulated by the Department for best practices in veterinary care to enhance livestock health and disease control.

- b. Yes. Department provides financial support to all States and Union Territories including Regional Disease Diagnostic Laboratories and laboratories of Indian Council of Agricultural Research under Livestock Health Disease Control programme (LHDCP) scheme for sero-surveillance, sero-monitoring, training and capacity building.

State-wise sampling plan has been prepared and 100% Central assistance is provided to Indian Council of Agricultural Institutes (ICAR) like ICAR-NIFMD Bhubaneswar, ICAR-IVRI, Bengaluru and ICAR - NIVEDI, Bengaluru for carrying out sero-surveillance, sero-monitoring including confirmation of doubtful cases, training of laboratory personnel and other related activities. Accordingly regular sero-surveillance is being done on diseases covered under National Disease Control Programme (NADCP).

- c. Department under LHDCP scheme provides financial support to States/UTs for establishment and strengthening of diagnostic infrastructure including "Continuing Veterinary Education (CVE)" to enhance skills & knowledge of the Veterinarians and Para Veterinarians. Department under Establishment and Strengthening of Veterinary Hospitals and Dispensaries-Mobile Veterinary Units (ESVHD-MVU), of LHDCP scheme provides financial support to the States/UTs for operation of Mobile Veterinary Units (MVUs) to provide diagnosis, treatment at farmer's doorstep. Presently, 4016 MVUs are operationalised across the country in 28 states.

Further, under Assistance to States for Control of Animal Disease (ASCAD) support is provided to State Biological Production Units (BPUs) for supplementing production of disease diagnostic kits/vaccines. Also 100% financial assistance is provided to States/UTs for activities under "Research & Innovation, publicity & awareness training and allied activities.
