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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 300
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22ND JULY, 2025

IMPACT OF AFRICAN SWINE FEVER ON ASSAM'S PIG

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Will the Minister of FISHERIES ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

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be pleased to State:

- (a) whether the government is aware that African Swine Fever has reduced Assam's pig population by over eight lakh during the last five years;
- (b) If so, the assistance being provided to affected farmers and backyard piggery units in Assam;
- (c) whether the Government has any plans to assist the State Government in disease control, vaccination development, or restocking of healthy pig populations; and
- (d) the steps being taken to prevent further outbreaks and protect livelihoods in the pig-rearing sector in the State?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

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- (a) As per the information received from the State of Assam, during the last five years, 44596 pigs have died due to African Swine Fever (ASF) and 8295 pigs have been culled to prevent the spread of the disease.
- (b) Department under Assistance to States for Control of Animal Diseases (ASCAD) of Livestock Health & Disease Control Program (LHDCP) provided compensation of Rs. 225.00 lakh for culling as per the demand of State on sharing basis to compensate the affected pig owners. Further, the State has informed that 344 farmers were compensated against culling of their pigs during last five years.
- (c) and (d) Measures taken by the Department are as under:
 - i. National Action Plan on African Swine Fever (ASF) has been formulated during 2020 for Prevention, Control and Containment of African Swine Fever (ASF) incorporating measures such as movement control, stamping out pigs within a 1 km infected zone, cleaning and disinfection, restrictions on pig feeding, limitations on pork meat, and enhanced surveillance including bio security measures before and

during the outbreak of disease. Advisories are issued to the States including meetings and visit of Central Team.

- ii. The Crisis Management Plan (CMP) for livestock disease was prepared in 2024, outlining a structured approach for managing and treating outbreaks. It includes scientific methods for carcass disposal, particularly of pigs, and details measures for swift containment, mitigation and reduction of pandemic risks through effective prevention and control strategies.
- iii. Under Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF) of NLM, support is provided for setting up of breed improvement/breed multiplication farm for Pigs as per the guidelines, which include loan upto 90% from lending organizations. Also, National Livestock Mission (NLM)-Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP), provides 50% capital subsidy for establishment of pig farm as per the guidelines. Total 13 project with project cost of Rs. 7.67 crore have been approved under EDP and the fund of Rs 1.3 crore has been approved for 6 projects for the State of Assam.
- iv. As communicated by the State of Assam, a joint DBT research project of College of Veterinary Science, Guwahati, IIT, Guwahati and Guru Angad Dev Veterinary & Animal Science University, Ludhiana has been initiated in respect to diagnosis, epidemiology and vaccine development. At present, there is no vaccine available for ASF.
- v. The State of Assam is supporting the pig farmers by distributing animals of high genetic merit under a project "Pig Revolution in Assam through Animals of high genetic merit (PRAtahm)".
- vi. States/UTs are financially supported for establishment and strengthening of laboratories, research & innovation, capacity building and training on topics like Good Animal Husbandry Practices, biosecurity/sanitary measures, vector control etc. During 2024-25 the State of Assam had been provided a fund of rupees 377.885 lakhs under ASCAD.
