

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING  
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING  
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3814  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2025**

**PARTICIPATION OF INDIAN HORSES IN INTERNATIONAL EQUESTRIAN SPORTS**

3814. SHRI BALABHADRA MAJHI:  
SHRI GODAM NAGESH:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

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be pleased to state:

- (a) the manner in which the recognition of the Equine Disease-Free Compartment (EDFC) at Remount Veterinary Centre (RVC) impact the participation of Indian horses in international equestrian sports;
- (b) the impact on country's profile in the international equestrian arena;
- (c) the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) in place at the EDFC to ensure continuous surveillance and adherence to international best practices; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING  
(PROF S P SINGH BAGHEL)**

(a) and (b) The recognition of the Equine Disease-Free Compartment (EDFC) at Remount Veterinary Centre (RVC), Meerut by the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) is a major milestone for the country's equestrian sports. It allows Indian horses to compete internationally without lengthy quarantine, ensuring they perform at their peak. This recognition places India among a select group of nations with world-class biosecurity standards, boosting its global standing in equestrian movements and reflecting advances in animal care, veterinary science, and sports.

(c) and (d) The Equine Disease-Free Compartment (EDFC) operates under a robust framework of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to ensure continuous disease surveillance, maintain high biosecurity standards, and align with international best practices. These SOPs cover all critical operations, including quarantine, waste management, personnel conduct, emergency response, and movement control. They are periodically reviewed and updated to reflect the latest scientific and regulatory developments, ensuring the EDFC remains secure, compliant, and ready for international trade.