

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE CONTROL SCHEME IN KERALA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has launched a new scheme for control of Foot and Mouth Disease in Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Pathanamthitta Districts in Kerala;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated for the purpose;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to bring the entire State under the said scheme so as to make it a disease free zone;
- (d) if so, the action taken thereon; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Government of India is implementing an intensive Foot and Mouth Disease Control Programme (FMD-CP) in selected 54 districts of the country, including Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam and Pathanamthitta Districts of Kerala. An amount of Rs.41.00 lakhs has been provided to the Government of Kerala during the current financial year. Further, FMD vaccines, 3 cold cabinets and 6 ice liners are being supplied to the State by the Central Government.

(c),(d) & (e): There is another Programme called `Assistance to States for Control of Animal Diseases` (ASCAD) where there is a provision for immunization of animals against various diseases. State are at liberty to prioritize the diseases including FMD as per the need of the state. The states have already been intimated for undertaking the programme.