

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1566  
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GOAT/SHEEPS DIE DUE TO DISEASE  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government is aware that in Tamil Nadu particularly in Periyakulam thousands of goats/sheeps are dying due to some unknown disease; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): Yes, Sir. During December 2004, in Periyakulam area, three outbreaks have been reported in sheep and goats affecting 352 animals of which 32 died. The disease was confirmed as Blue tongue by Central Referral Laboratory, Saidapet, Chennai.

(b): The State Government took all preventive measures to control the disease by providing the symptomatic treatment to the animals till recovery. Special training camps/meetings with the sheep breeding societies were organized to make the sheep breeders aware of the disease and the control measures to be adopted. Publicity through electronic media was also made by the State Government continuously for one month to make the public aware of the disease.