

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Foot and Mouth Disease adversely affects animals throughout the country;
- (b) if so, whether Disease Control programme is being implemented only in 54 specified districts in the country;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor and the time by which said programme is likely to be implemented in the whole country; and
- (d) the steps by the Government to ensure that our export of livestock and livestock products are not affected adversely due to apprehension of contagious/infectious diseases in the changed global scenario?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a): Foot and Mouth Disease occurs sporadically in the country.

(b)&(c): Government of India is implementing an intensive Foot and Mouth Disease Control programme (FMD-CP) in selected 54 districts of the country. The criteria for selection of the districts are presence of high yielding animals and potential of export of livestock and livestock products from these districts. There is another Centrally Sponsored Scheme called `Assistance to States for Control of Animal Diseases` where there is a provision for immunization of animals against various diseases including Foot and Mouth Disease. Other districts in the states are covered under this programme.

(d): Three major diseases namely Rinderpest, Contagious Bovine Pleuro-pneumonia and Foot and Mouth Disease have impact on livestock and livestock related trade, nationally as well as globally. The country is free from Rinderpest and Contagious Bovine Pleuro-pneumonia. However, Foot and Mouth Disease is sporadically reported in the country. As per World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) code, the infected countries can also export the livestock and livestock products where an official control programme exists involving compulsory systematic vaccination of cattle. India has an official control programme for Foot and Mouth Disease.