

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether a large number of animals have died due to foot and mouth disease in several States during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government is conducting any research regarding the said disease; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Foot and mouth disease occurs sporadically through out the country. The State-wise figures of animals that were affected and have died due to foot and mouth disease during the last three years is given in Annexure-I.

(c)&(d): Yes, Sir. Research on Foot and Mouth Disease is being carried out by the Project Directorate on Foot & Mouth Disease (PD-FMD), located at Mukteswar in Nainital district of Uttaranchal. The project Directorate has eight regional centers and 15 network units spread over 23 states and Union Territories of the country. The project has done research on molecular epidemiology of different strains of virus, diagnosis, antigenic relevance of vaccine strains used in the country, molecular genetic studies etc. Project Directorate was also standardized the indigenously different ELISA kits for detection of viral antigen and antibodies. Research on FMD vaccine production related activities is carried out at the Bangalore campus of Indian Veterinary Research Institute.