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LIVESTOCK DISEASES

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government is aware that due to prevalence of various cattle disease of livestock like foot and mouth disease in various States, the population of livestock is continuously decreasing ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide free immunization facility for cattle for foot and mouth disease in all the States including Bihar;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government is also providing insurance coverage to all the cattle/milch cattle in the country; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) & (b): Number of animal diseases are prevalent in the country including Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) which cause morbidity and mortality in animals. As per the information on last two Livestock Census, total number of livestock has increased from 48.50 crore in 2003 to 52.97 crore in 2007.

(c) & (d): In order to supplement the efforts of State/Union Territory Governments in prevention, control and containment of animal diseases, Department is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'Livestock Health & Disease Control (LH & DC)'. Under this Scheme, to prevent economic losses due to FMD, an intensive Foot and Mouth Disease Control Programme (FMD-CP) is also being implemented on 100% central share basis in States/ UTs of Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh (16 districts), Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa, Daman & Diu, Andaman and Nicobar, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Lakshadweep and Puducherry. FMD-CP has been further expanded to Rajasthan and the remaining districts of Uttar Pradesh in February, 2014. Besides, FMD vaccination is also being carried out under another National Control Programme called Assistance to States for Control of Animal Diseases (ASCAD) in those States/UTs that are not covered under FMD-CP.

It has already been envisaged to expand the programme to cover all the remaining States including Bihar during 12th Plan depending on the availability of vaccine and budget.

(e) & (f): Under Livestock Insurance Scheme, Government is providing insurance coverage to the cattle / milch cattle in the country. However, the 'Risk Management & Insurance' as a component of Sub-Mission on Livestock Development of National Livestock Mission (NLM) is to be implemented in all the Districts of the country. This component aims towards management of risk and uncertainties by providing protection mechanism to the farmers against any eventual loss of their animals due to death; and to demonstrate the benefit of insurance of livestock to the people. The indigenous/crossbred milch animals, Pack animals (Horses, Donkey, Mules, Camels, Ponies and Cattle/ Buffalo Male) and other livestock (Goat, Sheep, Pigs, Rabbit, Yak and Mithun) are covered under this component.