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MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED STARRED QUESTION No. 424
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25th JUNE, 2019
“EFFECT OF HEAT ON ANIMALS”

424 SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES

मात्स्यिकी, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government is taking any measures to save animals from death and diseases caused by scorching heat due to rapidly rising temperature; and
(b) if so, the efforts being taken in this regard so far ?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING

(Dr. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) Yes, Sir

(b) Agriculture and its allied subjects namely Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries are state subjects. The Ministry of Fisheries and Animal husbandry, Dairying has been supplementing the efforts of the State Government in this regard. All the States/ UTs have to set up Disaster Management Authorities and have definite Disaster Management plans to meet their specific requirements in view of their susceptibility to different types of disaster including deaths and diseases caused by scorching heat due to rapidly rising temperature due to rapidly rising temperature.

As far as, the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying has prepared the ‘Disaster Management Plan’ for protecting animals, preventing and mitigation loss of livestock resources during disasters like drought, flood, Heat wave, etc in 2016. This Department has also issued a “Pashupalak Calendar” which is a month wise animal husbandry advisory for the farmers, which also include advisories for the months of April, May, June and July for reducing the impact of high temperature on livestock. In addition, awareness of the farmers to manage their animals during the hot summer months is also being sent by Short Messaging Service (SMS) through the mKisan portal.

The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Government of India has issued guidelines for ‘Preparation of Action Plan- Prevention and Management of Heat-Wave’ in April, 2016 which includes development of a mitigation plan for reducing the impact of high temperature on livestock. NDMA issues advisories on heat wave to all the heat wave prone states/ UTs which also contain provision for safeguarding of animals. The NDMA also focuses on community sensitization and awareness generation through Social Media, print/ electronic media, advertisements and short TV commercial films on heat waves protection.
