

Opening of agriculture university in Uttar Pradesh

†2496. SHRI MOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is contemplating upon opening an Agriculture University and a National Institute of Bio-technology in Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, whether sites have been selected for both of these institutions; and
- (c) if so, the amount of money likely to be spent thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) A Central Agricultural University is proposed to be established at Jhansi for the Bundelkhand region.

(b) The Central Agricultural University will be established on the land of ICAR institutes, namely, Indian Grassland and Fodder Research Institute (IGFRI) and National Research Centre for Agro-Forestry (NRCAF) at Jhansi.

(c) Rs. 467.00 crores during the XII Plan.

Foot and mouth disease in cattle

2497. SHRI T.M. SELVAGANAPATHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has re-inforced its commitment for controlling the contagious Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) in cattle;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the direct economic loss from the disease is estimated at Rs. 20,000 crore a year; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI. CHARAN DAS MAHANT): (a) and (b) In order to prevent, control and contain the Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) in the country, the Department had initiated 'Foot and Mouth Disease Control Programme (FMD-CP)' since 10th Five Year Plan period in 54 districts which was extended in 11th Plan to 221 districts and thus now covers all the districts in the States/UTs of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Goa, Gujarat, Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, Puducherry, Lakshadweep, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu and 16 districts in Uttar Pradesh. The scope of the FMD control programme will further be expanded in a phased manner during 12th Five Year Plan and beyond so as to cover remaining districts.

(c) and (d) It is intimated by Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR),

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that in a recent pilot study on the economic impact analysis undertaken by ICAR in the year 2011, in Andhra Pradesh and Punjab, it is estimated that the direct losses could be more than Rs. 18400.00crore a year in terms of direct production losses in milk yield alone. When the other losses are taken into account and detailed study taken up in more areas of the country, it is expected that the losses could be much more than this.

Promotion and expansion of biofertilizers

†2498. DR. C.P. THAKUR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount of subsidy granted by Government every year on chemical fertilizers in agriculture sector;
- (b) the details of this subsidy during the last three years, year-wise;
- (c) the measures taken by Government to provide incentive to bio-fertilizers in agriculture sector;
- (d) the agricultural area wherein use of bio-fertilizers have increased with the help of these measures;
- (e) the amount spent by Central Government on programmes relating to promotion and expansion of bio-fertilizers during the last three years; and
- (f) the year-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) and (b) As per reports of Department of Fertilizer, subsidy provided on chemical fertilizers during the last three years is as under:

Year	Total subsidy (in Rs. Crore)
2009-10	64032.29
2010-11	65836.68
2011-12	73790.94

(c) and (d) Use of bio-fertilizer is promoted through Integrated Nutrient Management strategy. To ensure availability of bio-fertilisers, financial assistance is provided under National Project on Promotion of Organic Farming (NPOF) for setting up of bio-fertiliser production units as back ended subsidy through commercial Banks and NABARD. Consumption of bio-fertiliser is increasing and its production has increased from 25065.03 MT during the year 2008-09 to 37997.61.MT during the year 2010-11.

(e) and (f) The amount sanctioned/released for setting up of bio-fertiliser

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