

diagnostic facilities, management of fluorosis cases including treatment, surgery, rehabilitation and health education. Revised Guidelines on NPPCF have been issued to 19 States and financial assistance is being provided to these States. The Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation has already been providing alternate sources of safe drinking water in areas affected by water contaminants. Further, efforts are made to spread awareness regarding problem due to water contamination through mass media as well as local media in affected areas.

The Guidelines for “Detection, Prevention and Management of Arsenicosis in India” have been finalized by an expert group under Director General of Health Services and issued to all the 6 affected States for taking further necessary action.

Awareness against animal transmitted diseases

2069. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that poor veterinary care has put the general public at increased risk of contracting diseases transmitted through animals, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to take cognizance of the issue as well as remedial measures taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA): (a) and (b) As informed by Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Government is aware that some of the animal diseases which are known as zoonotic diseases are transmitted from animals to human beings. Some important diseases of this category are Brucellosis, anthrax, leptospirosis, salmonellosis, campylobacteriosis, listeriosis, rabies, avian influenza, etc. Prevention, control and containment of animal diseases including zoonotic diseases are carried out by the State Governments through 11,101 Veterinary Hospitals/Polyclinics, 22,745 Veterinary Dispensaries and 27,050 Veterinary Aid Centres/Stockman Centres and Mobile Veterinary Clinics.

In order to supplement the activities of State Governments for prevention, control and containment of animal diseases including zoonotic ones, the Central Government is providing financial assistance through various components of Livestock Health and Disease Control (LH and DC) scheme, now renamed as Veterinary Services and Animal Health (VS and AH).

Under the scheme, funds are also provided for Information Education and Communication Campaign to make farmers/animals owners aware of various animal

diseases including zoonotic ones and adopting proper bio-security measures. Further, advisories are also issued by the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries to the State Governments for under taking necessary prevention control and containment measures for various animal diseases including zoonotic diseases.

To prevent ingress exotic diseases including zoonotic diseases, the Department has also established six Animal Quarantine and Certification Services. Diagnostic facilities are also available with the States and Veterinary Colleges/Universities. For providing referral diagnosis, the Department has 5 designated Regional Disease Diagnostic Laboratories (RDDDLs) and 1 Central Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (CDDL). The Department has also established four prefabricated Bio-Safety Level-III (BSL-III) laboratories (one each at Kolkata, Jalandhar, Bareilly and Bangalore) and one mobile BSL-III laboratory is also functional at RDDDL at Guwahati, Assam.

National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) is also providing laboratory support for outbreak investigations and surveillance of zoonotic diseases. Regular training courses are also conducted by NCDC for development of trained manpower in various aspects of zoonotic diseases viz. diagnosis, treatment, prevention and control and guidelines for prevention and control of various zoonotic diseases have also been prepared and widely distributed.

Promotion of Bangla language by Doordarshan

2070. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated, released and utilized for various channels run by Doordarshan during the last three years including the DD Bangla channel, channel-wise;

(b) the details of new programmes commissioned on DD Bangla during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) the details of funds spent for development and research of content and programming for Bangla language during last three years; and

(d) the details of steps taken for promotion of Bangla language by Doordarshan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (COL. RAJYAVARDHAN SINGH RATHORE): (a) The details of funds allocated to and utilized by various channels and also Doordarshan Kendra Kolkata (DDK) provision to which subsumes funds for DD Bangla channel during the last three years are given hereunder: