

Administering of antibiotics to animals

†4482. SHRIMATI SAMPATIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that antibiotic medicines are being administered to animals to increase the production of meat;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that hazardous chemicals alongwith antibiotics are entering the bodies of those persons who eat meat;
- (c) if so, the efforts being made by Government in this regard; and
- (d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA RAJ): (a) As per information provided by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), antibiotics in animals are used for therapeutic purposes only for treatment of infections, whenever, required, and not on regular basis for increasing the production of meat.

(b) As per information provided by the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, there are global studies showing use of antibiotics in animals and also antibiotic residues are found in the meat of those animals wherein the withdrawal period is not followed properly before slaughter of animal. If human beings consume such meat, the antibiotics are likely to enter human body.

(c) and (d) The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries has issued advisories to all States/UTs on judicious use of antibiotics in treatment of food producing animals, for stopping the use of antibiotics in animal feed and for general awareness. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has initiated a programme for containment of antimicrobial resistance especially in humans. As per the Global Action Plan on Tackling. Antimicrobial resistance (AMR), India has also developed National Action Plan on AMR in April 2017, under which Animal Husbandry Department is also participating.

Implementation of PMFBY in Chhattisgarh

4483. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) along with the details of insurer companies and system of approval for insurance of agricultural yield;

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