

SHRI ABDUL WAHAB (Kerala): Sir, I also associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

DR. SASMIT PATRA (Odisha): Sir, I also associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

Death of pigs due to African Swine Fever (ASF) in Mizoram

SHRI K. VANLALVENA (Mizoram): Mr. Chairman, Sir. I want to mention about the death of nearly thirty thousand pigs and piglets in the State of Mizoram due to African Swine Fever (ASF) since 2020 till date. According to the AH & Vety Department, Government of Mizoram reports, the African Swine Fever spread throughout the State of Mizoram covering 271 villages in all eleven districts. According to the Department reports, 29,800 pigs have died due to ASF, and 10,380 pigs have been killed due to suspected infection of ASF during these two years. The market value of the lost swine throughout the State is roughly calculated to be about Rs. 80 crores. As we all know, the loss of such a huge number of domestic animals during this pandemic period for the poor farmers is a kind of disaster and natural calamity.

So, I request the Central Government to kindly provide the Central assistance to the victims of ASF in the State of Mizoram. Thank you for the opportunity.

DR. FAUZIA KHAN (Maharashtra): Sir, I associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

DR. SASMIT PATRA (Odisha): Sir, I also associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

Need to give official language status to all the languages in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution

SHRI VAIKO (Tamil Nadu): Sir, the non-Hindi speaking States have been assured by no less a person than the former Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, who was a democrat to the marrow, that as long as these States desire, English should continue to be the official language in addition to Hindi, and Hindi will not be imposed on unwilling people.

Recently, in Varanasi, the hon. Home Minister has declared that Hindi alone is the national official language and all file works and correspondence are taking place in