GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & DAIRYING DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & DAIRYING RAJYA SABHA ADMITTED QUESTION NO. 3460 TO BE ANSWERED ON 1ST APRIL. 2022

LIVESTOCK AFFECTED BY DISEASES

3460. SHRI NEERAJ DANGI:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & DAIRYING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the fact that a large number of animals have been badly affected due to various diseases;
- (b) if so, whether the number of suicides by farmers are on a rise due to poverty induced by shortage of livestock;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of facilities provided by Government to the States to grow the livestock population in the country during the last three years?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & DAIRYING (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a): Government is aware of diseases among animals like Foot & Mouth Disease (FMD), Brucellosis, Hemorrhagic Septicemia (HS), Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD), Black Quarter (BQ), Classical Swine Fever (CSF), New Castle Disease, Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR), etc. Central Government provides financial assistance for control of major animal diseases including economically important, exotic, emergent and zoonotic diseases. Assistance is also provided for establishment and strengthening of mobile veterinary units for providing veterinary services at farmer's doorstep.

- (b) & (c): There are no such reports
- (d): During the last three years, Government of India has taken the following initiatives to support States/UTs in areas related to animal health, animal production, animal nutrition, conservation of indigenous bovine breeds, breed improvements, feed and fodder development through Departmental schemes across the country which helps in growth of healthy livestock population:
- 1. Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM): For development and conservation of indigenous bovine breeds
- 2. National Programme for Dairy Development (NPDD): To enhance quality of milk and milk products and increase share of organized procurement, processing, value addition and marketing, productivity enhancement through nutritional interventions.
- 3. Dairy Processing and Infrastructure Development Fund (DIDF): Creation/strengthening/modernization of Milk Chilling & Processing Plants, Value added Product making facilities, Energy efficiency infrastructure, Training facilities, Cattle Feed Plant, etc.
- 4. Livestock Health and Disease Control Programme(LH&DCP): Central Government provides financial assistance for eradication and control of major diseases through vaccination as well as providing veterinary services through mobile veterinary units (MVUs).
- 5. Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF): Incentivizing establishment of dairy processing and value addition, meat processing and value addition, animal feed plant and technologically improved breed multiplication infrastructure by individuals, Farmer Producer Organisation, Micro Small and Medium Enterprises, and Private Companies.
- 6. National Livestock Mission (NLM): Entrepreneurship development and breed improvement in poultry, sheep, goat and piggery including feed and fodder development.
- 7. Supporting Dairy Cooperatives and Farmer Producer Organizations: Assisting State Dairy Cooperative Federations by providing soft working capital loan.
- 8. Livestock Census and Integrated Sample Survey: Publishing species wise Breedwise report based on the latest Livestock Census at aggregate as well as segregated level so as to enable policy decisions.
