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DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO: 271  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.02.2023

**COVID-19 INFODEMIC IN THE POULTRY INDUSTRY**

271. DR. SANTANU SEN:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the losses incurred by the poultry industry due to spread of rumours, during COVID-19 pandemic, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether Government is aware of number of chickens culled because of rumours spreading about chickens being carrier of COVID-19 virus, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether Government is aware of number of people in poultry industry who lost their employment during COVID-19, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING**

**(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)**

- (a) Yes Sir. It has been claimed by the poultry sector that because of the rumours spread during COVID-19, poultry sector has incurred losses. These losses were because of misleading facts circulated through social media and print media regarding spread of infection of coronavirus. The poultry sector suffered further losses due to lock down wherein the sale of eggs, chicken meat and transportation of feed were banned by many States for which Department had issued various advisories.
- (b) & (c) No such assessment has been carried out.

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