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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1817
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11th DECEMBER, 2024

PANDEMIC FUND PROJECT

1817 SHRI MADAN RATHORE:

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

- (a) steps taken by the Government to strengthen India's pandemic response preparedness under the Pandemic Fund Project;
- (b) the manner in which this initiative will help in reducing the risk of zoonotic diseases spreading from animals to humans; and
- (c) the details of the amount allocated and utilized for the same, State-wise, including Rajasthan?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & DAIRYING
(SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS LALAN SINGH)

- (a) and (b) The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying has launched the G-20 Pandemic Fund Project on "Animal Health Security Strengthening in India for Pandemic Preparedness and Response" with a grant of 25 million USD on 25th October 2024. The major interventions under the proposal are strengthening and integrating disease surveillance and early warning system, upgrading, and expanding the laboratory network, improving the inter-operable data systems and building capacity for data analytics for risk analysis and risk communication, strengthening health security for transboundary animal diseases as well as zoonotic diseases and India's role in regional cooperation through cross border collaboration.

Additionally, following steps have been taken to strengthen India's pandemic preparedness and response:

- i. Department supports States/UTs under National Animal Disease Control Programme (NADCP) for vaccination against Foot & Mouth Disease (FMD), Brucellosis, PPR and CSF including serosurveillance and seromonitoring of the diseases. Rs 99.17 crore, 4.36 crore, 18.40 crore, 0.61 crore vaccine doses have been administered against for FMD, Brucellosis, PPR and CSF respectively.
- ii. Under the component of Assistance to States for Control of Animal Disease (ASCAD), Department supports States/UTs in regard to capacity building of State Biological Production Units and Disease Diagnostic Laboratories, surveillance and monitoring of livestock diseases, Research & Innovation and Training with continuous veterinary education.

iii. Additionally, financial support has been provided to States/UTs under ASCAD for the prevention and control of zoonotic diseases, including emergent and re-emergent diseases. Rs. 20401.25 lakhs and Rs. 7382.58 lakhs has been released under ASCAD during FY 2023-24 and 2024-25 respectively.

(c) Pandemic Fund Project has been launched on 25th October 2024 only. Further, the benefits under the Pandemic Fund Project is not directly provided to the farmers, however all the farmers involved in animal husbandry sector across the country including Rajasthan will be indirectly benefitting from the project. No pandemic fund is allocated State//UT wise.
