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DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2133
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19TH MARCH 2025

PARTNERSHIP WITH WOAAH

2133 SHRI KESRIDEVSINH JHALA:

Will the Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying be pleased to State:

- (a) the manner in which the partnership of the Ministry with World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) benefit Indian livestock farmers, especially small and marginal farmers;
- (b) the manner in which this roadmap address critical challenges such as disease control, vaccination, and biosecurity in livestock management;
- (c) the measures that are being taken to improve the quality and safety of dairy and meat products under this partnership;
- (d) the manner in which this initiative contribute to employment generation in the livestock and dairy sectors;
- (e) whether there are any financial incentives or subsidies for private companies to participate in this initiative; and
- (f) if so, details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & DAIRYING

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(a) and (b) The World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH), formerly known as the OIE, is an intergovernmental organization dedicated to enhancing animal health and welfare globally. With 183 member countries, including India, WOAH establishes international standards through the Terrestrial Animal Health Code (TAHC) which provides science-based guidelines on disease surveillance, diagnostics, biosecurity, vaccination, and the safe trade of animals and animal products. WOAH also assists member nations through the Performance of Veterinary Services (PVS) Pathway, which evaluates and strengthens veterinary infrastructure, and through disease control initiatives targeting transboundary animal diseases such as Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD), Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR), and Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI). Notably, India's FMD Control Programme has received WOAH endorsement, and India's self-declaration of 32 HPAI-free poultry compartments has also been approved. Furthermore, WOAH designates specialized institutions as WOAH Reference Laboratories, with India hosting such laboratories for HPAI, Rabies, Leptospirosis, PPR, and Equine Piroplasmosis.

(c) and (d) WOAH's standards significantly contribute to livelihood security by ensuring that livestock products meet international quality benchmarks, maintain disease-free status, thereby boosting exports and supporting the farmers dependent on livestock for their income. The TAHC also facilitates trade by establishing veterinary health certification standards for livestock and livestock products, further enhancing market access and economic opportunities for livestock producers.

(e) & (f) WOAH membership does not provide any financial incentives or subsidies for private companies.
