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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES
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TO BE ANSWERED ON 7TH APRIL, 2017

VACCINATION PROGRAMMES FOR ANIMALS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
be pleased to state

- (a) whether the Ministry is working to make Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Punjab free from foot -and -mouth and bird flu diseases;
- (b) whether it is mandatory for the Ministry to validate that there were no outbreaks of any animal disease from the above States in last two years;
- (c) how can the Ministry validate that animals are free from diseases in absence of stringent vaccination programmes in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana; and
- (d) whether there is any move to give zonal certification from Paris-based World Organization of Animal Health, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) & (b) In order to prevent, control and contain Foot and Mouth Disease in the country, the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries is implementing Foot and Mouth Disease Control Programme(FMD-CP), a component of Livestock Health and Disease Control Scheme, which is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, in the selected states including in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Punjab. Under the scheme, the funds are provided to States to carry out various activities under FMD-CP including intensive vaccination of eligible cattle and buffalo population in the states including Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Punjab at six monthly intervals.

As per the guidelines of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), located in Paris, there is a requirement of following parameters to recognize any country or zone(s) free from FMD where vaccination is practiced:

- (i) There has been no outbreak of FMD for past two years;
- (ii) There is no evidence of FMDV transmission for last 12 months in the zones; and
- (iii) Surveillance for FMD and FMDV transmission in accordance with OIE guidelines.

Accordingly, all the States including Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Punjab have to follow the guidelines for claiming FMD free Status with vaccination.

(c)&(d) As per the information received from the State Governments of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, stringent vaccination programme under FMD-CP is being implemented and all the targeted population of cattle and buffaloes are vaccinated twice a year at an interval of six months. Sero monitoring for assessing protective immunity against the disease and testing for Differentiating Infected from Vaccinated Animals (DIVA test) is also being carried.

Based on the information provided by Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Punjab and Maharashtra complying of OIE guidelines, dossier for three zones i.e. telanagana-Andhra Pradesh, Punjab and Maharashtra has been submitted to OIE.
