

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
LOK SABHA
ADMITTED QUESTION NO. 756
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25TH JULY, 2023

LUMPY SKIN DISEASE IN MEGHALAYA

756. DR. T.R. PAARIVENDHAR:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & DAIRYING

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government is aware of the fact that over 100 cows have died and over 8000 animals have been infected recently due to highly infectious Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) in Meghalaya and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Union Government has extended any help and assistance to the State of Meghalaya to overcome the disease;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a): Yes, Sir. The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India is aware of the spread of Lumpy Skin disease in Meghalaya. As gathered from the State 8739 cattle are suspected to be affected and 123 cattle died due to LSD. There are only 937 active cases at present, 36975 cattle have been vaccinated and more vaccination is underway. Based on Centre's advisories on control, vaccination, treatment surveillance state has directed field functionaries and stakeholders for preparedness, control & containment of LSD. Rapid Response Teams (RRTs) are constituted across the state for awareness, vaccination, surveillance, collection of samples and treatment for control of the disease.

(b) and (c): Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India is taking all necessary steps to support State to control and contain the disease, which include financial and technical support. Financial assistance provided to the state as per the demand under Assistance to State for Control of Animal Diseases (ASCAD) for procurement of Goat Pox Vaccine doses for carrying out vaccination against Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD). Guidelines/advisories for control of LSD including vaccination, treatment and surveillance have been circulated to the State for implementation to control and contain the disease within a definite timeline.

(d): Question does not arise.