

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING  
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING  
LOK SABHA

ADMITTED STARRED QUESTION NO. \*69  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2023

**“VETERINARY HEALTH SERVICES”**

**\*69. SHRI VIJAY BAGHEL**  
**SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA**

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to reduce the financial loss caused from animal diseases and increase the availability and accessibility of better veterinary health services in the country including Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Gujarat and North Eastern States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, States-wise and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the fresh steps taken by the Government to further strengthen veterinary health services to protect the vast resources of livestock, dairy and poultry farming in the country?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING**  
**(PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)**

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. \*69 PUT IN BY SHRI VIJAY BAGHEL: SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA: ON “VETERINARY HEALTH SERVICES” DUE FOR ANSWER ON 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2023**

(a) &(b): Yes Sir, The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India is implementing the Livestock Health and Disease Control Programme (LHDCP), a Central Sector Scheme in all states including Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Gujarat and North Eastern States, with the aim of reducing risk to animal health by prophylactic vaccination against diseases of animals, capacity building of Veterinary Services, Disease Surveillance and Strengthening Veterinary Infrastructure. The major activities supported are: vaccination against Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD), Brucellosis, Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR) and Classical Swine Fever (CSF); Establishment and Strengthening of Veterinary Hospitals and Dispensaries-Mobile Veterinary Units (ESVHD-MVU); and Assistance to States for Control of Animal Disease (ASCAD) for control of state prioritized economically important, exotic, emergent and zoonotic animal diseases. Additionally, there is National Action Plan on diseases like Avian Influenza, ASF and Glanders along with guidelines for control and containment of diseases in definite time frame. All these activities of LHDCP scheme are aimed at reducing risk to Animal Health and thereby reduce the financial loss caused from animal diseases.

(c).Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying under the component of Establishment & Strengthening of Veterinary Hospitals & Dispensaries-Mobile Veterinary Units (ESVHD-MVU) provides financial assistance to States/UTs for delivery of veterinary healthcare services at farmers’ doorsteps to strengthen veterinary health services @ 1 MVU/1 Lakh livestock population. MVUs provide diagnosis, treatment, vaccination, minor surgical interventions, audio-visual aids and extension services to farmers / animal owners at their doorstep in far flung area. The Central Government has provided 100% financial assistance to the States/UTs towards procurement and customization of MVUs under Establishment and Strengthening of Veterinary Hospital & Dispensaries–Mobile Veterinary Units (ESVHD-MVUs) to further strengthen veterinary health services to protect the vast resources of livestock, dairy and poultry farming in the country.

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