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MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No.1066
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH FEBRUARY 2023

BIRD FLU IN ALAPPUZHA

1066 SMT. JEBI MATHER HISHAM:

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

- (a) whether Government will take appropriate measures to set up an Institute of High Security Animal Disease in Alappuzha, in the wake of intermittent outbreak of Bird Flu in Alappuzha district in Kerala; and
- (b) whether Government has taken steps to grant a special package to ensure financial aid to the farmers who are at the risk of losing livelihood due to the recent outbreak of Bird Flu?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Animal Husbandry, including veterinary science, is a State subject. Therefore, setting up a disease diagnostic laboratory i.e. an Institute of High Security Animal Disease in Alappuzha, is the responsibility of the State. However, the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying is implementing the Livestock Health & Disease Control Programme Scheme under which States can avail of financial support for strengthening of their disease diagnostic laboratories.
- (b) There is no such special package available under any scheme of the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, at present. However, under 'Assistance to States for Control of Animal Diseases (ASCAD)' component of Livestock Health & Disease Control Programme (LHDCP), financial assistance on a 50:50 sharing basis between the Central and the State Government is provided to farmers whose poultry birds have been culled, eggs and feed destroyed, after due confirmation of Avian Influenza.
