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Dear Sir/Madam,

As you may be aware that after reports of unusual mortality in pigs in parts of Assam and Arunachal Pradesh, NIHSAD confirmed presence of African Swine Fever (ASF) after testing samples therefrom. African Swine Fever (ASF) is a highly contagious haemorrhagic viral disease of domestic and wild pigs, which is responsible for serious economic and production losses. As the disease is not reported to be zoonotic, there is no public health risk. However, there is neither any treatment nor any vaccine for ASF, at present.

Accordingly, states have been directed to ensure bio-containment measures, bio-security maintenance, and active surveillance for the disease through advisories dated June 2019, before the occurrence and again, along with the Contingency Plan, after the disease was confirmed. Now, the Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying (DAHD) has come out with a National Action Plan for control, containment and eradication of ASF, in consultation with technical experts from India as well as abroad, a copy of which is enclosed.

You are therefore requested to kindly bestow your personal attention and direct the department concerned to take suitable actions as contained in the Action Plan so that African Swine Fever (ASF), an otherwise exotic disease, is controlled, contained and eradicated from the country within a definite timeline.

Best regards,

Yours sincerely,

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