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DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING  
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No.437  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2023

**ANIMAL PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS INITIATIVE**

**437. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:**

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING  
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be pleased to state:

- (a) the key strategies to address outbreaks including the lumpy skin disease among cattle Animal with the Pandemic Preparedness Initiative;
- (b) the details of basic parameters used for the selection of districts there under;
- (c) the specific measures and infrastructure upgrades outlined in the initiatives to enhance disease surveillance, treatment and diagnostics;
- (d) the total number of cases of lumpy skin disease in the current year; and
- (e) Whether there is a defined timeline for the implementation of the Animal Pandemic Preparedness Initiative and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING**

**(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)**

(a): The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India is taking all necessary steps to support States/ UTs to control and contain outbreak of diseases, which include financial and technical support under the Livestock Health and Disease Control Programme (LH&DCP). Financial assistance is provided to the States/UTs as per the demand under Assistance to State for Control of Animal Diseases (ASCAD) a component under the LH&DCP for procurement of vaccines for carrying out vaccination against various diseases including Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD). Central teams also visited the affected States/UTs to guide on corrective measures and technical ground support. Additionally, there are National Action Plans and guidelines on diseases like Avian Influenza, African Swine Fever (ASF), Glanders and LSD for control and containment of diseases within a definite time frame. Further, the Animal Pandemic Preparedness Initiative (APPI) emphasizes policy intervention with key initiatives like early warning on diseases, outbreak preparedness, response, surveillance and research and development on priority diseases.

(b)&(c): The Animal Pandemic Preparedness Initiative (APPI) is a comprehensive plan to be implemented nationwide without the selection of specific districts to address the preparedness for emerging pandemic diseases in animals. The key strategies to address the outbreaks of pandemic diseases includes enhanced disease surveillance in collaboration with other line departments for developing integrated disease surveillance system and establishment of investigation and outbreak response teams at the national and state level. There will be strengthening of the regulatory system, development of disease modelling algorithms, targeted research and development on vaccines, diagnostics, and therapies.

(d) The total number of cases of Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) reported in the country during the year 2023 i.e from January till date is 7,33,90. However, the active cases are only 16302.

(e) There is no defined timeline for the implementation of the Animal Pandemic Preparedness Initiative.

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