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To
Dr. Seediri Appalaraju
Honourable Minister for Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development and Fisheries
Government of Andhra Pradesh

Respected Sir,

Sub: Goat Pox Vaccine and the Vaccine developed by NRCE and IVRI for Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) needs to be stocked up beforehand by State Government as a precautionary measure

We, the Federation of All India Farmer Associations (**FAIFA**), a non-profit organization, represent the cause of millions of farmers of all the crops in India. FAIFA strives to project farmer's voice at regional, national and international levels and works towards ensuring sustenance of stable livelihood of farmers. One of the important issues that FAIFA is representing currently is the cause of millions of Dairy Farmers as well as Dairy Industry workers in India, whose livelihoods are under serious threat due to fast spreading Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) to their livestock.

Sir, we would like to bring to your kind notice that the outbreak of Lumpy skin disease in livestock has infected over 1,39,000 cattle and killed over 67,000 cattle since its outbreak in July. The disease has mainly spread in eight states Gujarat, Rajasthan, Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Madhya Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir.

Some stray cases of the disease are also reported from Andhra Pradesh as well. In this need of the hour, on behalf of entire Dairy Farmers' and Dairy Industries we are writing this letter to your Hon'ble Ministry to express our concerns and request your kind intervention and support.

Sir, In the light of growing concerns rising in dairy farming community regarding Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD), through recent media reports it came to know that Hon'ble Central Minister of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries Shri Parshottam Rupala stated that "Goat Pox Vaccine" is very effective for this disease. We came to know through media reports that the Scientists of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research's National Research Centre on Equines (NRCE) at Haryana and ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI) in Bareilly have jointly developed a vaccine against the deadly Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) virus affecting lakhs of cattle across India. Farming community and Dairy Industry were extremely relieved by this revelation regarding vaccines being developed.

Sir, once this disease starts spreading the contingency steps will be much harder for the State Government either to bring it under control or provide vaccine to all the required. Such a situation might also lead to under supply of milk production and milk products in the state.

In this backdrop, before it spreads more effectively in Andhra Pradesh, FAIFA request your Hon'ble Ministry to stock up sufficient "Goat Pox Vaccine" and the "vaccine" developed by NRCE and IVRI as a crisis managing precautionary measure, so that the vaccines are readily available for our state's dairy farmers. Such a proactive move will help save the livelihood of millions of dairy farmers and dairy industry workers.

Thanking you.

Yours Sincerely,

For Federation of All India Farmers' Association [FAIFA]



P S Murali Babu, General Secretary