

Livestock Health

With the improvement in the quality of livestock through launching of extensive cross breeding programmes, the susceptibility of these livestock to various diseases including exotic diseases has increased. In order to reduce morbidity and mortality, efforts are being made by the State/Union Territory Governments to provide better health care through Polyclinics/Veterinary Hospitals/Dispensaries/First-Aid Centers including Mobile Veterinary Dispensaries. In order to provide referral services over and above the existing disease diagnostic laboratories in the States, one Central and five Regional Disease Diagnostic Laboratories are also functioning. While efforts are made to ensure better livestock health, efforts are made to prevent ingress of disease from outside the country and to maintain standards of veterinary drugs and formulations. At present, the Drug Controller General of India regulates the quality of veterinary drugs and biological in consultation with the Department. The following schemes are implemented for Livestock Health:

Central Sector Scheme: 'Directorate of Animal Health'

(a) Animal Quarantine and Certification Service

The objective of this service is to prevent ingress of livestock diseases into India by regulating the import of livestock and livestock related products, and providing export certification of International Standards for livestock and livestock products which are exported from India. All the four existing Quarantine Stations one each at New Delhi, Chennai, Mumbai and Kolkata are operating smoothly from their own premises, which include a small laboratory. This service has been further strengthened through setting up of two additional Animal Quarantine Stations at Hyderabad and Bangalore.

(b) National Veterinary Biological Products Quality Control Centre, Baghpat

At present the Indian Veterinary Research Institute has been assisting in the task of monitoring the quality of vaccines and Biologics. But in order to obtain better monitoring of the quality, it is essential to establish a separate Institute. For this purpose, the National Veterinary Biological Products Quality Control Centre

