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Dear Dr. Sureshji,

As you may be aware that in the Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP), as a part of regular surveillance, information on zoonotic diseases is received and zoonotic diseases like Rabies, Anthrax, Leptospirosis, Kyasanur Forest Disease, and many other zoonotic diseases are reported from different States. To combat these zoonotic diseases, inter-sectoral coordination between Human Health and Animal Health Departments is very essential. To achieve this inter-sectoral coordination, it is advised to include a Veterinary Officer of Department of Animal husbandry in State as well as in all district level Health departments Rapid Response Teams (RRT). The roles and responsibilities of Veterinary Officer at district and state level RRT include advising the Rapid Response Teams of the Health department about the dynamics of disease transmission among the animals & humans and to establish the inter-sectoral coordination with Animal Health in containment of outbreaks.

Accordingly, you are requested to instruct the respective State Animal Husbandry Departments to nominate one Veterinary Officer for each District & State level Rapid Response Team. Faculty from the Veterinary Colleges/Veterinary Research institutes may also be included in the notified District and State Rapid Response Team. The nomination list from the State Animal Husbandry Department can be sent to the respective State Surveillance Officers of Department of Health & Family Welfare.

With regards,

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Yours sincerely

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