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Title:	26 cases of cattle skin disease in Goa			
Action By CSU, IDSP -NCDC	Information communicated to SSU- Goa			

Goa has reported 26 cases of lumpy skin disease among cattle, of which two are stray animals while the rest are owned. So far, there have been no animal deaths due to the disease in the state.

“There is no significant increase in cases. Goa is still a thousand times better than other states, but we still have to keep our guard up. We have noticed a few instances in the stray animals owing to which the local bodies— panchayats and municipalities— must hold the animals and keep them isolated from others,” said director of animal husbandry and veterinary services (AHVS), Augusto Mesquita.

The disease is transmitted through tick bites or saliva owing to which it becomes imperative that dairy farmers and civic bodies ensure that there is no stagnant water being shared by the animals, the bovines are rid of the ticks and cattle sheds are fumigated.

“There could also be unknown carriers in the form of people carrying ticks or saliva on silage bundles,” he said.

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In an effort to keep the disease from spreading and avoid potential cattle deaths, the AHVS has decided not to lift the ban on import of milch animals from other states to Goa. "Buffaloes, however, are exempted from this because the disease is not seen in them. They can be carried for slaughter from another state till the abattoir without the vehicle stopping anywhere in between," Mesquita said.

Plans are afoot to conduct mass-vaccination of the animals. "We are anticipating vaccines from the central government. Also, the state government has given us essential medicines worth Rs 70-80 lakh which have been distributed at all our centres for emergency treatment of the infected animals." he said.

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