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Sir,

Sub : Use of Antibiotics in Animal Feed

There are reports that antibiotics virus has developed in feeds and these are likely to affect human and animal health.

When antibiotics are used in animal feed, people loose their immunisation power and can face serious infections.

Scientists think feeding the drugs to animal destined for dinner plates makes humans vulnerable to so-called superbugs that can not be treated. Scientists and health care experts are extremely concerned about strains of salmonella and other potentially deadly bacteria that do not respond to antibiotics. They believe the bacteria outsmart the drugs because of their repeated use in both humans and animals.

Farmers routinely add antibiotics to livestock feed to help the animals grow faster, Centre for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI) said any antibiotics needed for humans should be off limits for that purpose.

When action delayed cows had BSE and Pigs in Malaysia are having disease, requiring killing of over a million of them.

You are requested to ban use of antibiotics in animal feed/hormones being administered for growth.

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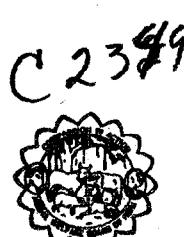
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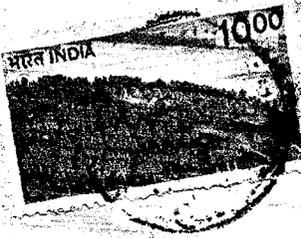


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