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**651. Mr N P Masipa (DA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:**

Whether she will furnish Mr N P Masipa with the details of the communal areas in (a) the Eastern Cape and (b) Limpopo in terms of the (i) number of dipping tanks for sheep and cattle, (ii) districts and/or areas where they are located, (iii) distances that the animals travel to reach the dipping facilities, (iv) details of the dipping committees and (v) frequencies of dipping in the past 10 years; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? **NW789E**

**THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, LAND REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT:**

**(a) Eastern Cape Province**

(i) 1 555 dipping tanks for cattle. There are no dipping tanks for sheep.

(ii)-(v) Refer to Table 1 below.

**(b) Limpopo Province**

(i) 1 466 dipping tanks for cattle. There are no dipping tanks for sheep.

(ii)-(v) Refer to Table 2 below.

**TABLE 1: EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE**

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| **Categories** | **(i) Number of Dipping Tanks** | **(ii) District** | **Local** | **Village** | **(iii)**  **Distances that the animals travel to reach the dipping facilities** | **(iv)**  **Details of the dipping committees** | **(v)**  **Frequencies of dipping in the past 10 years;** |
| Sheep | The sheep dipping tanks are not part of the EC Provincial Veterinary Services. The government intervention on sheep is in terms of sheep scab treatments to improve the quality and quantity of the wool clip. | | | | | | |
| Cattle | 40 | **Alfred Nzo** | Ntabankulu | 19 wards | 2 to 4 km | All dipping committees are functional. 1 per dipping tank, 4 per LM and 1 per district. | Mbizana: dips weekly in summer and fortnightly in winter.  Rest: fortnightly in summer and monthly in winter. |
| 56 | Mbizana | 32 wards |
| 71 | Mzimvubu | 28 wards |
| 69 | Matatiele | 27 wards |
| **236** | **Total** |  |
| 113 | **Amathole** | Mbashe |  | 1 to 5 km | Not all dipping committees are functional, approximately 70% are functional. | Raymond Mhlaba is inland: dips monthly in winter and fortnightly in summer. The rest are coastal: dips weekly in summer and fortnightly in winter. |
| 23 | Buffalo City |  |
| 9 | Ngqushwa |  |
| 107 | Mnquma |  |
| 2 | Mahlathi |  |
| 23 | Raymond Mhlaba |  |
| **277** | **Total** |  |  |  |  |
| 66 | **Chris Hani** | Intsikayethu |  | 1 to 5 km | 95% of the dipping committees are functional. | All are inland: the dipping is done once a month in winter and twice a month in summer. |
| 68 | Ngcobo |  |
| 53 | Emalahleni |  |
| 44 | Sakhisizwe |  |
| 37 | Inxuba Yethemba |  |
| 116 | Enoch Mgijima |  |
| **384** | **Total** |  |  |  |  |
| 37 | **Joe Gqabi** | Senqu |  | 500m-1.5km | Dipping committees are functional | All are inland: the dipping is done once a month in winter and twice a month in summer. |
| 140 | Elundini |  | 100m-5km |
| 63 | Walter Sisulu |  | 100m-5km |
| **240** |  | **Total** |  |  |  |  |
| 61 | O.R. Tambo | Ingquza Hill | 31 wards and 61 villages with dipping tanks | 3-5 km | 95% of the dipping committees are functional. | The whole municipality is treated as coastal. Dipping happens weekly in summer months and twice a month in winter months. |
| 101 | KSD | 35 wards,  102 villages | 3 to 5 km | 95% have functional dipping committees and others have community animal health workers. | Mqanduli area of KSD: In summer, dipping is done weekly for all the villages along the coast and in winter fortnightly.  All KSD: (Mthatha and Mqanduli, the inland area, the dipping is done once a month in winter and twice a month in summer. |
| 82 | Nyandeni | 31 wards and 82 villages with dipping tanks | 3-5 km | 98 % functional dipping committees. This is the one of the municipalities without community animal health workers. | Ngqeleni and Libode Coastal area: these areas are dipped every week in summer months and twice a month in winter months.  Nyandeni inland: the dipping is done fortnightly in summer months and once a month in winter months. |
| 40 | Port St Johns | 20 wards and 40 villages with dipping tanks. | 3-5 km | 66% functional dipping committees. There are no community animal health workers in the municipality. | The whole municipality is treated as coastal. Dipping happens weekly in summer months and twice a month in winter months. |
| 88 | Mhlontlo | 26 wards and 88 villages with dipping tanks. | 3-5 km | 88 % have dipping committees. Others have fully employed community animal health workers. | The whole local municipality is regarded as inland. The dipping is twice a month in summer months and once a month or even suspended in winter months. The suspension all depends on the weather. |
| **392** | **Total** |  |  |  |  |
| 7 | **Sarah Baartman** | Kouga |  | 1 to 5 km | Functional dipping committees or farmers representatives in all areas. | Dr Beyer’s Naude is in Land: monthly in winter and fortnightly in summer.  Rest of the areas are coastal: dips weekly in summer and fortnightly in winter. |
| 17 | Koukamma |  |
| 46 | Nelson Mandela Bay |  |
| 10 | Sunday’s River Valley |  |
| 36 | Dr Beyer’s Naude |  |
| 42 | Makana |  |
| 22 | Ndlambe |  |
| 6 | Blue Crane Route |  |
| **179** |  | **Total** |  |  |  |  |
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| **1 555** |  | **Grand Total** |  |  |  |  |

**NB: The above list includes dipping tanks and handling facilities for spray dipping and/or pour-ons. The State provides the acaricide in all of them.**

**TABLE 2: LIMPOPO PROVINCE**

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| **Categories** | **(i)**  **Number of Dipping Tanks** | **(ii)**  **Districts** | **Local Municipality** | **Village** | **(iii)**  **Distances that the animals travel to reach the dipping facilities** | **(iv)**  **Details of the dipping committees** | **(v)**  **Frequencies of dipping in the past 10 years.** |
| Sheep | NONE |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Cattle** | **230** | **Mopani** | Letaba | 52 villages | Overall average of 1-6km | Dipping committees are functional and composed of cattle farmers. | Weekly in villages around the Kruger National Park. Frequency increased during the Food and Mouth Disease (FMD) outbreak. Every 28 days in communal areas. |
| Tzaneen | 41 villages |
| Baphalaborwa | 15 villages |
| Maruleng | 48 villages |
| Giyani | 74 villages |
| **Cattle** | **223** | **Vhembe** | Musina | 56 villages | Overall average of 1-6km | All dipping committees are functional and composed of cattle farmers. | Weekly in villages around the Kruger National Park. Frequency increased during the Food and Mouth Disease (FMD) outbreak. Every 28 days in communal areas. |
| Makhado | 68 villages |
| Collins Chabane | 54 villages |
| Thulamela | 45 villages |
| **Cattle** | **331** | **Sekhukhune** | Makhuduthamakga | 104 villages | Overall average of 1-6km | All dipping committees are functional and composed of cattle farmers. | Weekly and frequency increased during Food and Mouth Disease (FMD) outbreak. Every 28 days in communal areas. |
| Elias Motsoaledi | 40 villages |
| Ephraim Mogale | 51 villages |
| Fetakgomo-tubatse | 136 villages |
| **Cattle** | **223** | **Waterberg** | Modimolle-mookgophong | 41 villages | Overall average of 1-6km | All dipping committees are functional and composed of cattle farmers. | Weekly and frequency increased during Food and Mouth Disease (FMD) outbreak. Every 28 days in communal areas. |
| Mogalakwena | 117 villages |
| Lephalale | 41 villages |
| Bela-Bela | 11 villages |
| Thabazimbi | 13 villages |
| **Cattle** | **417** | **Capricorn** | Molemole | 32 villages | Overall average-1-6km | All dipping committees are functional and compose of cattle farmers. | Weekly and frequency increased during Food and Mouth Disease (FMD) outbreak. Every 28 days in communal areas. |
| Lepelle Nkumpi | 89 villages |
| Blouberg | 104 villages |
| Polokwane | 192 villages |