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Dear Sir/Madam,

As you are aware, there has been unusual mortality of pigs (> 800) in the districts of Dhemaji, Biswanath, Lakhimpur, Sivasagar, Jorhat and Dibrugarh in Assam (March-April 2020) and in West Kameng, Papum-pare, Lower Siang, Upper Siang, Lohit, Leparada, East Siang, Namsai and Changlang in Arunachal Pradesh (> 800 deaths) from January 2020.

It is suspected that the pigs may have been affected by the deadly African Swine Fever (ASF) virus. The virus can affect all varieties of *sus scrofa* (pig), including both domestic and wild, and other related species. The clinical syndromes may vary from per-acute, acute, sub-acute to chronic, with a very high mortality rate. As the disease was not present in India, the occurrence in domestic pigs has assumed a very serious status and no known source could so far be traced for these mortalities. As per the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), wild and feral pigs can also be the source of infection for the domestic pigs.

In this context, it is requested to kindly bestow your personal attention into the matter and arrange to provide details of unusual mortality in the wild pig population (including captive wild), if any, in your state. Further, you may like to undertake clinical / pathological / serological surveillance in wild and feral pig populations, especially, in and around the affected areas. In case any mortality is reported, it is requested to arrange to collect the samples in consultation with North Eastern Regional Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (NERDDL), Khanapara, Guwahati for detailed examination in their laboratory.

Best regards,

Yours sincerely,

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