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Title:	70 cows die, 30 fall ill at Mansa Devi Gaudham, Panchkula, Haryana			
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Seventy cows died and 30 got sick after consuming "poisonous feed" at Mansa Devi Gaudham late on Tuesday night. The Haryana assembly speaker and the deputy commissioner (DC) have formed a three-member special investigation team (SIT) to probe the incident.

Manager of the Mata Mansa Devi Gaudham, which is run by Panchkula Gaushala Trust, said he came to know about the incident at 9pm from the workers, who said some cows were crying in pain and a few had collapsed. He immediately called up the animal husbandry department for help.

A team of doctors rushed to the gaudham at 10pm and provided treatment till morning to 100 cows that got sick. Only 30 responded to the treatment, said a doctor.

Dr Anil Kumar, deputy director, animal husbandry, said, "Prima facie, the cows died due to food poisoning. Samples of feed have been collected and post-mortem of 70 cows is being conducted."

On Wednesday morning, Panchkula MLA and Haryana assembly speaker Gian Chand Gupta along with DC MK Ahuja and cops reached the spot for inspection. The

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DC said they have formed a three-member team, comprising District Rural Development Agency (DRDA) CEO Nishu Singhal, assistant commissioner of police (ACP) Raj Kumar and deputy director, animal husbandry, Dr Anil Kumar, to investigate the matter. Singhal will lead the team.

Post-mortem reports and samples of feed have been sent to Lala Lajpat Rai University, Hisar, for checking.

The DC said, "New standard operating procedures (SOPs) for gaushalas will be made so that such incidents do not happen again. The donated feed will now be checked before it is served to cows. People who come to donate feed will not be allowed to go near the cows."

Gupta, while interacting with mediapersons, said, "It is a very unfortunate incident. A special team of animal husbandry department will visit the gaushalas on a regular basis and also collect samples of cattle feed. I have given special instructions to the SIT to check all angles, and the guilty will be punished as per law."

There are seven sheds in the gaushala and the feed of two sheds was poisonous.

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