

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 626  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2019

**DESTRUCTION OF CROPS BY ABANDONED COWS AND BULLS**

626. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that abandoned cows and bulls are destroying crops and is becoming a menace;
- (b) if so, whether Government is taking any steps to secure and rescue these abandoned lots and provide them shelter; and
- (c) if so, the measures taken so far along with the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
(SHRIMATI KRISHNA RAJ)**

(a) The abandoned cows and bulls may cause damage to the crops. As per the Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare there is no specific information available on this aspect.

(b) to (c) Animal Husbandry is State subject however, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change is implementing the Central Sector Scheme of 'Provision of Shelter House for looking after the animals in distress' through the Animal Welfare Board of India for establishment and maintenance of shelter houses for care and protection of uncared animals. Under the scheme financial assistance is provided to NGOs/AWOs for establishment and maintenance of shelter houses and the maximum entitlement of grant is Rs. 25.00 lakhs (including 10% share of AWO) for the construction of Shelter House project consisting of Boundary Wall, In-house Dispensary, Shelters, Water tanks, Drains, Contingency expenses and cost of Medical Equipments.

Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries has been implementing Rashtriya Gokul Mission with the aim of development and conservation of indigenous breeds. Under the mission along with various major components and activities assistance has been released to the States for establishment of Gokul Grams as per norms of the scheme which include development and conservation of indigenous breeds including 40% unproductive animals. Under RGM sex sorted semen production facility is being created at 10 'A' graded semen stations so far 3 projects (Uttarakhand, Madhya Pradesh & Maharashtra) has been sanctioned and sex sorted semen production has been started in Maharashtra from 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018. Use of sex sorted semen will limit male population and thereby limiting stray cattle population.

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