

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1057
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.07.2025**

INCIDENTS OF STRAY DOG BITES

1057 #SHRI MADAN RATHORE:

Will the **Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:-

- (a) Whether Government is aware that incidents of stray dog bites are increasing rapidly across the country;
- (b) If so, the details of the number of incidents and casualties due to stray dog attacks in different States during the last five years;
- (c) Whether any national action plan or centrally sponsored scheme are being run by Government to deal with this problem, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the central Government will issue guidelines to implement the Animal Birth Control Rules, 2023 and Rabies Vaccination Program in a timely manner?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)**

(a) to (d): National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) under Ministry of Health & Family Welfare implements the National Rabies Control Programme (NRCP) for prevention and control of Rabies. The strategies of National Rabies Control Programme are to conduct training on appropriate animal bite management, prevention and control of Rabies, surveillance and intersectoral coordination, strengthening surveillance of Animal Bites, provision of procurement of Anti-Rabies Vaccine for animal bite victims through the National Free Drug Initiative and Information, Education & Communication (IEC) activities to create awareness.

Further, to effectively control Rabies, “National Action Plan For Dog Mediated Rabies Elimination (NAPRE)” has been launched by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare alongwith Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Government of India. The details about present status of implementation of activities envisaged under NAPRE can be seen at

-<https://rabiesfreeindia.mohfw.gov.in/resources/uploads/PageContentPdf/169391359514.pdf>

Dog population management is one of the key functions for controlling dog bite cases. Central Government has framed Animal Birth Control Rules, 2023. The Animal Welfare Board of India has issued various Advisories for the public and local authorities for management of dogs.
