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DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
LOK SABHA
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CONTROL OF LOSSES INFLICTED BY STRAY ANIMALS

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Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any programme or strategy to control heavy losses inflicted by stray animals like unclaimed cows, buffalos, monkeys, pigs etc. to farmers; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)**

(a) & (b) As per the Article 246(3) of Constitution of India, preservation, protection and improvement of stock and prevention of animal diseases; veterinary training and practice etc are under State list for which the States have exclusive powers to make laws.

As per Article 243(W) of Constitution of India, the local bodies are responsible for cattle pounds and pinjrapole. Therefore, the State may also endow panchayats to establish and run Cattle Pounds (Kanji Houses)/ Gaushala Shelters (community assets) to keep stray cattle. Many States have established Gaushalas and Shelter houses for stray cattle and provide for feeding of those animals.

In view of the above mentioned constitutional provisions, the State is empowered to take appropriate action on stray animals. Further, in order to utilize the unproductive animals, dry dairy is promoted. AWBI is also driving awareness programmes for appropriate utilization of cattle dung and cattle urine to make different products so as to make cow shelters/gaushalas self-sustainable thereby ensuring that old and unproductive animal do not become stray.

The Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) is providing assistance to the Gaushala, pinjrapoles towards treatment and veterinary care etc. to keep the stray animals. Many State Governments are also providing financial assistance for feeding and sheltering of stray cattle. However, for monkeys, there is no proven method available to control them, as they are wild animals.
