

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2178
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.12.2023**

RABIES DEATHS

2178. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR HANSDAK:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that a significantly large proportion of worldwide rabies deaths are from India and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has identified the reasons behind this upward trend and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken/proposes to take any steps to reduce the cases of such deaths; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(PROF. SATYA PAL SINGH BAGHEL)**

(a) to (d): Yes. As per WHO -Association for the Prevention and Control of Rabies in India (APCRI) study (2004), out of 59000 rabies deaths worldwide, 20000 are from India.

Union Health Ministry has launched 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 and Rabies deaths reporting, provision of procurement of Anti-Rabies Vaccine for animal bite victims through the National Free Drug Initiative and IEC activities to create awareness. Further, to effectively control Rabies, 'National Action Plan For Dog Mediated Rabies Elimination (NAPRE) from India by 2030' has also been launched by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare alongwith Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Government of India.
