

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & DAIRYING
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & DAIRYING
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3460
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH AUGUST, 2021

COLLABORATION WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

3460. SHRIMATI MALA ROY:

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

- (a) the nature of the collaboration that the Government of India has had with Eco Health Alliance since August 2020; and
- (b) The necessity for this collaboration?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & DAIRYING

(SHRI PURUSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) and (b) The Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying (DAHD) does not have any collaboration with Eco Health Alliance.

However, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has proposed partnering with the Department to contribute towards the latter's efforts for the benefit of small scale producers in India by providing technical assistance, programme design and support DAHD's mandate that include

- (i) deployment of technologies to support livestock production, health and systems
- (ii) establishing national 'One Health' priorities and intersection of livestock and human health issues, including inter-ministerial coordination
- (iii) livestock sector planning, analytical and research capacity, including sustaining investment from public and private sector
- (iv) programmes to improve sector productivity focusing on traceability of livestock and livestock products, value addition of livestock products, marketing solutions (like e-platforms), disease reporting and digital infrastructure to promote integration and growth in the sector.

It is gathered that Eco Health Alliance was selected by Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for provision of this technical support initially, due to their global partnership with OIE, WHO and FAO. However, the transition from that alliance has been made considering the need for a domestic partner to understand country context and local needs.