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DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & DAIRYING
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1450
TO BE ANSWERED ON 7TH DECEMBER, 2021

ERADICATION OF RABIES

**1450: SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR:
SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:
SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:**

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the efforts being made by the Government for eradication of rabies;
- (b) the time by which this disease is likely to be eradicated completely;
- (c) the number of deaths caused by the said disease throughout the country, particularly in Gujarat; and
- (d) the efforts being made by the Government to make aware the tribal communities of the State of Gujarat about said disease?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) Due to epidemiologic characteristic of rabies virus, Rabies cannot be eradicated. However, human deaths due to Dog Mediated Rabies can be reduced to zero. To address Rabies in Human, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has launched “National Rabies Control Programme”.

In collaboration with Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Government of India, NRCP Programme Division, NCDC, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has developed and launched the “National Action Plan for Elimination of Dog Mediated Rabies from India by 2030” on 28th September, 2021 under the “One Health” approach indicating specific roles of other key stakeholders viz. Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India; Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs, Government of India; Ministry of Panchayati Raj & Rural Development, Government of India and Ministry of Agriculture & Farmer Welfare, Government of India. It

would serve as a technical guideline to all relevant stakeholders to share the responsibility of controlling Rabies.

Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying provide assistance to State Governments for immunization against important livestock diseases including Rabies, Strengthening of State Biological Production Centers, Strengthening of State Disease Diagnostic Labs, Training of Vets & Para-vets, conducting workshops, surveillance and monitoring of animal diseases, mass awareness programmes, maintaining the cold chain system under the scheme Assistance to States for Control of Animal Diseases (ASCAD) and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY).

Animal Welfare Board of India also provides funding support to Animal Welfare Organisations/ SPCAs for anti-rabies immunization and sterilization of dogs under the Scheme for Birth Control and Immunization of Stray Dogs.

(c) As per the data provided by Central Bureau of Health Intelligence (CBHI) the National Nodal agency under Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, for year 2018, 116 Human deaths due to Rabies were reported in India, while no death was reported from the state of Gujarat due to Rabies.

As per the provisional data from CBHI, DGHS, MoH&FW in year 2019 the Human deaths in the country reported due to Rabies was 118, while in the state of Gujarat zero Human death is reported due to Rabies.

As per the data provided by KVAFSU-CVA Rabies Diagnostic Laboratory, in 2019, total 386 animal deaths are reported in India, among which death of 56 dogs and 3 buffaloes are reported due to rabies in Gujarat.

(d) Through National Health Mission under National Rabies Control Program, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare; the funds are being released under NHM mechanism as per the state PIP, as provided to all the states for generating awareness about Rabies in all the communities including Gujarat.
