

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO. *466
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05TH APRIL 2022

STRAY ANIMALS AND ANIMAL SHELTERS

* 466. SHRI T.R.V.S. RAMESH:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any data on the number of stray animals and animal shelters in the country and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of animal shelters for stray animals considering that as per Pet Homelessness Index 77% people admitted that they see stray animals atleast once a week; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.
466 PART (a) to (c) ON STRAY ANIMALS AND ANIMAL SHELTERS**

- (a) Data related to Stray Cattle and Stray Dogs are captured in the Livestock Census. As per the 20th Livestock Census held in 2019, there are 50,21,587 number of stray cattle and 1,53,09,355 number of stray dogs in the country.

The panchayats and local municipalities are empowered to establish and run Cattle Pounds (Kanji Houses)/ Gaushala Shelters (community assets) at their respective jurisdiction.

- (b) & (c). No, Sir.
