

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4000
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25th March 2025

ANIMAL WELFARE AWARENESS

4000. SMT. POONAMBEN HEMATBHAI MAADAM:
SHRI SHANKAR LALWANI:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING:

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the initiatives to be undertaken as a part of the celebration of Animal Husbandry and Animal Welfare Awareness;
- (b) whether there are any training and capacity-building workshops planned for veterinarians and animal caretakers, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether there are any financial incentives or subsidies planned to support animal husbandry and welfare initiatives and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
(SHRI S. P. SINGH BAGHEL)**

- (a) As per Article 246(3) of the Constitution of India, Animal Husbandry and Animal Welfare fall under the jurisdiction of the State Government. The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India, has designated January 14 to March 13 as Animal Husbandry and Animal Welfare Awareness Month. During this period, an intensive campaign will be conducted covering various animal husbandry development programs and welfare activities, including health camps, vaccination drives, and awareness initiatives. State Governments, Animal Welfare Organizations, and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) have been encouraged to organize workshops, online webinars, health camps, awareness programs (*Gosthis*), livestock fairs, and competitions such as best milk production awards, animal shows, and contests for school and college students on animal welfare and husbandry themes. Special programs will also be conducted for Gaushalas and NGOs engaged in animal welfare.

For this year, the campaign was conducted from January 14 to March 13, 2025, during which 658 health check-up camps, 632 infertility camps, 554 awareness camps/*Gosthis*, 397 vaccination camps, 115 workshops, 122 programs for Gaushalas, 97 competitions in schools and colleges, 37 calf rallies, 35 livestock fairs, 30 milk competitions/pure breed competitions, 16 online webinars, 9 radio and TV programs, and 418 other activities were carried out by various states. At the national level, the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India, organized an online webinar connecting veterinarians, para-veterinarians, animal rearers, state animal husbandry departments, and state animal welfare boards.

- (b) As a part of the awareness month, the State Governments were advised to organize capacity building and training activities for veterinarians and animal caretakers as per the requirement during the designated month.
- (c) The State Government may avail funding under existing Central Government schemes such as National Livestock Mission, Rashtriya Gokul Mission and Livestock Health and Disease Control Schemes.
