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MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4908
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01st April 2025

ANIMAL WELFARE PROGRAMMES

4908 SHRI RAMVIR SINGH BIDHURI
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Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

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be pleased to state:

- (a) the details and names of special programmes or initiatives likely to be started under animal husbandry and animal welfare programmes;
- (b) the schemes to ensure participation of farmers, dairy producers and animal welfare organisations in said activities;
- (c) whether any special training or capacity building workshops have been organised for veterinary doctors and animal rearers;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether any financial incentive or grant is proposed to support animal husbandry and animal welfare; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) and (b) 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 February, 13 as “Animal Husbandry and Animal Welfare Awareness Month”. During this period, an intensive campaign to be conducted covering various animal husbandry development programs and welfare activities for the awareness of farmers, dairy producers and animal welfare organisations. State Governments, Animal Welfare Organizations and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) are also encouraged to organize workshops, online webinars, health camps, vaccination drives, 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 February 13, 2025 which was extended until March 13, 2025. During this period, 672 health check-up camps, 641 infertility camps, 598 awareness camps/*Gosthis*, 408 vaccination camps, 118 workshops, 126 programs for Gaushalas, 100 competitions in schools and colleges, 38 calf rallies, 35 livestock fairs, 30 milk competitions/pure breed competitions, 16 online webinars, 9 radio and TV programs and 495 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.

(c) and (d). As a part of the awareness program, the State Governments were advised to organize capacity building and training activities for veterinary doctors and animal rearers as per the requirement during the designated month.

(e) and (f). 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.
