

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2663
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05TH AUGUST, 2025

STRAY DOG MENACE

2663. Adv. Adoor Prakash:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that stray dog menace has become a severe issue and rabies deaths are increasing in many States, State-wise including Kerala;
- (b) if so, the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard, Statewise;
- (c) whether the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying had issued an advisory in November, 2024 to all States/UTs for effective implementation of the Animal Birth Control Programme (ABC) programme, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has taken any review of implementation of the above direction and has given any assistance to the States/UTs for ABC and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (e) whether the Government has received requests from States including Kerala seeking exemption in ABC Rules and if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (f) whether the Government will consider exemption in ABC Rules in view of rising stray dog menace and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) State-wise data, related to presumptive cases of human rabies, including that of Kerala, as reported in the Integrated Health Information Platform (IHIP) of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, is annexed.

(b) As per Article 243(W) of the Constitution of India, municipalities are mandated to control the stray dog population. Municipalities are implementing the Animal Birth Control (ABC) Programme to stabilize the population of stray dogs.

To strengthen this initiative, the Central Government notified the Animal Birth Control Rules, 2023, vide G.S.R. 193(E) dated 10th March 2023, under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960, superseding the earlier ABC (Dog) Rules, 2001. These Rules emphasize neutering and anti-rabies vaccination as primary tools for dog population management.

The Central Government and the Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) have issued several advisories to ensure effective implementation of the ABC Programme. Recently, on 21st July 2025, the Secretaries of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR), and the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD) issued a joint advisory to all Chief Secretaries, urging the implementation of the ABC Programme and the development of requisite infrastructure.

Further, the Central Government has revised the existing Scheme for Birth Control and Immunization of stray dogs, which is implemented through AWBI from the current financial year. Under the revised scheme:

- Financial assistance of up to ₹800 per dog and ₹600 per cat is provisioned for SPCAs and Local Bodies for conducting ABC as per the 2023 Rules.
- A one-time grant of ₹2 crore is provisioned for State-run veterinary hospitals for developing infrastructure, including surgical theatres, kennels, and recovery units.

In addition, under the Livestock Health and Disease Control Programme (LHDCP), the DAHD provides support to States for the procurement of anti-rabies vaccines.

National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) under Ministry of Health & Family Welfare implements the National Rabies Control Programme (NRCP) for prevention and control of Rabies. The strategies of National Rabies Control Programme are to conduct training on appropriate animal bite management, prevention and control of Rabies, surveillance and inter sectoral coordination, strengthening surveillance of Animal Bites, provision of procurement of Anti-Rabies Vaccine for animal bite victims through the National Free Drug Initiative and Information, Education & Communication (IEC) activities to create awareness.

(c) Yes, Sir. The Secretary, Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying has issued an advisory to all States, outlining the measures to be undertaken for effective dog population management, including the implementation of the ABC Rules, 2023, to prevent dog bites.

(d) The ABC Programme is being monitored at the State level, with provisions for constitution of a State Monitoring Committee. At the national level, the Central Government has constituted a Central Monitoring Committee to oversee implementation. Additionally, the Central Government has sought periodic reports from States on ABC-related activities.

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(e) & (f) The Animal Husbandry Department, Government of Kerala, sought approval to enable government veterinarians to undertake Animal Birth Control (ABC) procedures at veterinary dispensaries. The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying has since accorded permission for conducting ABC operations at designated veterinary polyclinics in the state.

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Annexure

State	2022		2023		2024	
	Presumptive Cases (Human Rabies)		Presumptive Cases (Human Rabies)		Presumptive Cases (Human Rabies)	
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0
Andhra Pradesh	220	6	32	36	41	39
Arunachal Pradesh	2	0	0	0	1	0
Assam	79	0	75	3	117	6
Bihar	226	0	64	3	59	2
Chandigarh	1	0	1	0	0	0
Chhattisgarh	68	0	17	1	4	1
Delhi	37	0	37	0	77	0
Goa	3	0	4	0	0	0
Gujarat	120	0	12	4	11	7
Haryana	106	0	40	0	11	0
Himachal Pradesh	13	0	4	1	8	2
Jammu And Kashmir	2	0	4	4	1	5
Jharkhand	27	0	27	2	33	1
Karnataka	321	1	267	18	139	42
Kerala	0	0	314	1	65	8
Ladakh	1	0	0	0	0	0
Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0	0
Madhya Pradesh	315	0	633	0	121	0
Maharashtra	421	10	119	23	119	10
Manipur	2	0	1	0	15	1
Meghalaya	0	0	12	7	23	13
Mizoram	0	0	0	0	1	0
Nagaland	0	0	0	0	0	0
Odisha	87	0	12	0	6	0
Puducherry	2	0	0	0	8	0
Punjab	32	0	19	0	56	0
Rajasthan	777	0	254	0	98	0
Sikkim	2	0	3	0	0	0
Tamil Nadu	412	5	148	18	24	43
Telangana	216	0	66	0	0	0
The Dadra And Nagar Haveli And Daman And Diu	0	0	0	0	1	0
Tripura	1	0	2	0	3	0
Uttarakhand	8	0	6	0	3	0
Uttar Pradesh	1380	0	48	0	34	0
West Bengal	4	0	2	0	0	0
Total	4885	22	2223	121	1079	180