

Government of India
Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 416
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5th DECEMBER 2023

ATTACKS BY STRAY DOGS

416. SHRIMATI PRATIMA MONDAL:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has adopted any scientific management system to control stray dog population in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has noticed a large number of attacks by stray dogs in all parts of the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has any proposal to review the present Animal Birth Control Rules;
- (f) if so, the details thereof;
- (g) whether the World Health Organization (WHO) finding is true that India accounted above 36% of world rabies deaths; and
- (h) if so, the details thereof and the details of steps taken to check such alarming situation?

ANSWER

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

- (a) As on date only scientific method adopted for control of Stray Dogs population is through sterilization by surgical intervention.
- (b) The Central Government has notified the Animal Birth Control Rules 2023 vide G.S.R. 193(E) dated 10th March, 2023 under Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 after superseding the Animal Birth Control (Dog) Rules, 2001 to control the population of Stray Dogs. The Rules have addressed the direction of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in writ petition no. 691 of 2009 between Animal Welfare Board of India and People for Elimination of Stray Troubles, which states that "*Needless to emphasize, no innovative method or subterfuge should be adopted not to carry out the responsibility under the 1960 Act or the*

2001 Rules. Any kind of laxity while carrying out statutory obligations, is not countenanced in law".

The AWBI had issued the Revised ABC Module as per the direction of the Supreme Court in the year 2015 for Street Dog Population Management, Rabies Eradication and Reducing Man-Animal conflict. The module elaborates Scientific process to be adopted for Sterilization.

(c) and (d): There are some sporadic reports of dog attacks happening in various parts of the Country. However, the information made available by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (National Centre for Disease Control) there has been reduction in number of dog attacks in comparison to the year 2018. The details are as under:

Year	Number of Dog Bite
2018	7567811
2019	7277523
2020	4633493
2021	1701133
2022	2180185
2023(till October 2023)	2477936

(e) to (f): The Animal Birth Control Rules have recently been published in the year 2023 after reviewing Animal Birth Control (Dogs) Rules, 2001

(g) to (h): Yes Sir. As per WHO Association for the Prevention and Control of Rabies in India (APCRI)-2004 Study India accounts for 36% of World Rabies Deaths. Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying Jointly Launched National Action Plan for Dog Mediated Rabies Elimination in year 2021. Ministry of Health & Family Welfare implementing National Rabies Control programme Human Health component. Funds are being provided to States & UTs through NHM to undertake Human health Component of National Rabies Control program. Funds are provided for following activities

- a. Procurement of Rabies Vaccine & Rabies Immunoglobulin through National free drug Initiative
- b. Capacity Building
- c. Awareness Generation
- d. Surveillance & Monitoring

Also the Local bodies are carrying out Anti rabies vaccination of stray dogs alongwith Animal Birth Control Programme. Funds are also made available to the State Animal Husbandry Department for procurement of rabies vaccines as per need.
