

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING  
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.265  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21<sup>st</sup>JULY, 2023

**STERILIZATION OF STRAY DOGS**

265. SHRI A. A. RAHIM:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount of funds allocated for the sterilization process of stray dogs during the last five years, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Ministry have conducted study to assess the success of the sterilization process; and
- (c) whether the Ministry have any successful plan for addressing the menace of increasing stray dogs?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) As per the constitutional arrangements, the control of stray animal population is the mandate of the State Government, more particularly the local bodies. Funds are allocated by the State Governments. No funds are allocated by the Central Government to State. Information of fund allocated by the State Governments are not maintained.

However, the Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) released the financial assistance to the recognized Animal Welfare Organization(s) including Local Authority for sterilization and immunization of stray dogs under the schemes of “*Scheme for Birth Control and Immunization of stray Dogs*”. The details of fund released in the last 5 years are as below:

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Amount (In Rs.)</b>	<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Amount (In Rs.)</b>
2016-17	29,54,600/-	2017-18	53,40,470/-
2018-19	29,23,348/-	2019-20	2,93,255/-
2020-21	2,12,265/-		

The details of dog sterilization carried out with the support of AWBI in last five years in different States are as below:

Name of the State	Number of ABC from AWBI Grant	Name of the State	Number of ABC* from AWBI Grant
Andhra Pradesh	26857	Rajasthan	3307
Bihar	7909	Maharashtra	3518
Goa	8678	Tamil Nadu	7848
Gujarat	1557	Uttar Pradesh	364
Himachal Pradesh	841	Uttarakhand	11549
Jammu & Kashmir	1079	West Bengal	5296

\*Animal Birth Control

Further, the AWBI had also released the fund received from NCDC, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare under National Rabies Control Programme (NRCP) which was implemented through Humane Society International (HSI) India, Mumbai, Worldwide Veterinary Services, Ooty and Friendicoes SECA, New Delhi in the state of Haryana. The details of fund released under the said project is as below:

S. No.	Financial Year	Amount (In Rs.)	Number of ABC
1	2014-15	10,00,000/-	
2	2015-16	1,75,00,000/-	21679
3	2016-17	2,10,32,012/-	45341
4	2017-18	1,56,60,700/-	
5	2018-19	-	
6	2019-20	1,27,43,200/-	
7	2020-21	-	
8	2021-22	-	
9	2022-23	-	
		6,79,35,912/-	

(b) This Ministry has not conducted study on the Animal Birth Control Programme. However, as per the recently notified Animal Birth Control Rules, 2023, the provision has been made for constitution of Central Animal Birth Control Monitoring & Coordination Committee, State Animal Birth Control Implementation and Monitoring Committee and local Animal Birth Control Monitoring Committee are mandatory for effective implementation of Animal Birth Control Program. These committees can conduct the study on Anima Birth Control programme.

(c) It is the responsibility of the local bodies to carry out the animal birth control program to control the street/stray dog population and the spread of rabies. The Intensive implementation of the ABC/AR programme by local bodies is the only rational and scientific solution to the overpopulation of the street dogs and controlling incidence of Rabies. The Animal Welfare Board of India provides recognition for Animal Birth Control Programme to the Animal Welfare Organization or Local bodies as per Rule 3 of the said Rule. The Board has issued following advisories / guidelines for addressing the issues of stray dogs:

- i) Pet Dogs and Street Dogs Circular dated 26.02.2015
- ii) Circular to all DGPs of all States/UTs regarding harassment to Citizens showing compassion to animals dated 25-08-2015 and 28.10.2015
- iii) Advisory to initiate necessary action for rescue and rehabilitation of stray animals dated 12-07-2018
- iv) Permission for Animal Birth Control/Anti Rabies Vaccination (ABC/AR) Programme to AWBI recognized AWOs/NGOs dated 25.02.2021
- v) Advisory to identify sufficient number of feeding spots for stray dogs in every district and to properly implement the (AWBI Revised Guidelines on Pet dogs and street dogs) dated 03.03.2021
- vi) Request to initiate action on animal welfare issues dated 28.06.2021 related to reduce man animal conflict and maintain peace and harmony in the society or area.
- vii) Request to initiate necessary action on the animal welfare issues dated 28.06.2021 reiterating the compliance of the various advisories and guidelines.
- viii) Advisory for implementation of Animal Birth Control Programme dated 17.12.2021
- ix) Request to properly implement and circulate the standard protocol for the adoption of community animals dated 17.05.2022
- x) Guidelines for use of Muzzle on Dogs and care of community dogs dated 17.08.2022
- xi) Advisory to contain Mass killing of dogs and stray dogs menace dated 10.10.2022.
- xii) Request to Chief Secretary of all States/UTs to implement the provision of ABC Rules, 2023 dated 27.03.2023
- xiii) Request to Principal Secretary, Urban Development and Animal Husbandry as well as to the Commissioner, Municipal Corporation of all Districts of all States/UTs to implement the provision of ABC Rules, 2023 dated 31.03.2023
- xiv) Request to all District Magistrate of all Districts of all States/UTs to implement the provision of ABC Rules, 2023 dated 30.05.2023

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