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DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
RAJYA SABHA
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TO BE ANSWERED ON 02ND APRIL, 2025

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND ANIMAL WELFARE AWARENESS MONTH

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

- (a) the special programmes or initiatives which would be launched under Animal Husbandry and Animal Welfare Awareness Month function;
- (b) the details of plans to ensure participation of farmers, dairy producers and animal welfare organisations in these activities;
- (c) whether any special training or capacity-building workshops would be organised for veterinarians and animal caretakers;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether any financial incentives or grants are proposed to support animal husbandry and animal welfare initiatives; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
(PROF. 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 is conducted to promote awareness of various animal husbandry development programs and welfare activities among farmers, dairy producers, and animal welfare organizations. State Governments, animal welfare organizations, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) are 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 are also 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.
