

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 1538
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29th July, 2022

GAUSHALAS

1538: SHRI DEEPAK PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
be pleased to state

- (a) the number of Gaushalas (cowsheds) dedicated to the care of abandoned cows across the country including the State of Jharkhand; and
- (b) whether any efforts are being made by Government to identify the institutions running Gaushalas and provide financial assistance to them or strengthen such institutions, in the future?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) The Gaushalas are registered by the respective State Governments, hence, no information is maintained. However, the Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) recognizes Animal Welfare Organization including Gaushala those are applied for recognition in the Board. These organizations are working for the care of abandoned/domestic animals. As on date the AWBI has recognized 10 Gaushalas in the State of Jharkhand.

(b) The recognized organizations are providing shelter to the Stray / Homeless animals including cow, dog etc., rescue animals from illegal transportation and other unforeseen circumstances, providing medical treatment and care, conducting animal birth control programs, providing ambulance services, conducting awareness and training programs and other activities to prevent the unnecessary pain and suffering to animals.

To encourage their work, the Animal Welfare Board of India is providing grants for feeding of animals and veterinary care under Regular Grants, providing grants for Shelters of animals, providing ambulance under the Ambulance Grants. Further, many State Governments are also providing assistance to the gaushalas.
