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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3470
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.04.2025**

NATIONAL RABIES CONTROL PROGRAMME

3470. SHRI KUNWAR RATANJEET PRATAP NARAYAN SINGH:

Will the **Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) the detailed data on the progress to achieve the Global Target of reducing deaths due to Rabies to "Zero by the year 2030" under the National Rabies Control Program (NRCP);
- (b) the percentage decrease in rabies cases in humans under the NRCP in 2024 in comparison to previous years;
- (c) the detailed data on the number of healthcare professionals trained in rabies management under NRCP till March 2025;
- (d) the detailed data on the number of facilities in operation in Government hospitals to facilitate prompt management of animal bite cases; and
- (e) the steps taken to strengthen surveillance of animal bites at the district level?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY
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(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)**

(a) to (e): Ministry of Health & Family Welfare is implementing National Rabies Control Program (NRCP) across the country. The NRCP program initiatives & preventive measures can be accessed at link; <https://ncdc.mohfw.gov.in/national-rabies-control-programme/>

A surveillance mechanism has been established under the Integrated Disease Surveillance Program (IDSP)/Integrated Health Information Platform (IHIP) portal to monitor the rabies elimination activities. Total number of clinically suspected human rabies cases in year 2022, 2023 & 2024 is 21, 50 and 54 respectively have been reported on the IDSP/IHIP.

Under the "National Health Mission" implemented by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India, the States are supported by providing budget for implementing the 'National Rabies Control Program' through budget for capacity building of the healthcare staff, procurement of rabies vaccines and rabies immunoglobulin, awareness generation for rabies prevention & control, review meetings, monitoring and surveillance, establishment of model anti rabies clinics & wound washing facilities. Under the NRCP around 1,66,470 Medical Officers, Paramedical staff, and Nurses have been trained in dog bite management from 2019 to February, 2025.

Health is a State subject and animal bite cases are managed through all Government hospitals including Medical Colleges, District Hospital, Sub District Hospitals, Community Health Centres, Primary Health Centres (PHC) of all the States & UTs. The States/UTs provide Anti Rabies Vaccines and Anti Rabies Serum to animal bite victims till PHC level. Additionally, 279 dedicated Anti-Rabies Clinic are established by the States/UTs to provide timely treatment such as wound management, vaccination, and necessary medical interventions.

The steps taken to strengthen surveillance of animal bites at the district level are as following:

- Under the NRCP, efforts have been made to enhance surveillance through integrated data collection and reporting systems.
- District-level health Department have been directed to ensure timely reporting of animal bite cases through the Integrated Health Information Platform (IHIP).
- Human Rabies is classified as a notifiable disease in 26 States/UTs as advised by MoHFW.
- Across country 14 diagnostic laboratories of Government health institutions have been strengthened under the National Rabies Control Program for rabies diagnosis in the selected states/UTs.
