

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1387
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.03.2025**

RABIES CONTROL

1387 SHRI HARIS BEERAN:

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

- (a) the number of rabies cases and deaths reported in the country in the last three years, State UT-wise;
- (b) the steps taken by Government to prevent rabies deaths, including efforts to ensure timely access to post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) and anti-rabies vaccines;
- (c) whether Government is implementing or planning any nation-wide vaccination programs for stray and domestic animals to curb the spread of rabies, and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether Government has collaborated with State Governments, local bodies, and NGOs to strengthen rabies control programs, and if so, the details of such partnerships?

ANSWER

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

(a): The number of rabies cases and deaths reported in the country in the last three years is Annexed.

(b) & (c): Ministry of Health & Family Welfare is implementing National Rabies Control Program (NRCP) across the country. The NRCP program initiatives & preventive measures can be accessed on following 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.

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.

The Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Govt. of India is financially assisting States for purchase of anti- rabies vaccine under the component 'Assistance to States for Control of Animal Diseases' (ASCAD) of Livestock Health & Disease Control Programme (LHDCCP) as per the demand and action plan received from the States

(d) The Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying formulated National Action Plan for the dog mediated rabies elimination from India by 2030(NAPRE) in collaboration with Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India. This Ministry actively participated in Regional and State level workshops conducted for formulation of "State Action Plan for Dog Mediated Rabies Elimination(SAPRE) and providing technical support to states for drafting the Animal Health component of SAPRE as per steps specified in National Action Plan.

Dog population management is one of the key functions for controlling dog bite cases. Local Bodies are implementing the Animal Birth Control Programme and Anti Rabies Vaccination for which the Central Government has framed Animal Birth Control Rules, 2023. The Animal Welfare Board of India has issued various Advisories for the public and local authorities for management of dogs and responsible pet parentships.

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE RAJYA SABHA
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Human Rabies cases (Death) reported by states/UTs (from 2022-25)

State/UT	2022 (Jan-Dec)	2023 (Jan-Dec)	2024 (Jan-Dec)
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0	0	0
Andhra Pradesh	3	0	1
Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	1
Assam	0	3	1
Bihar	1	3	2
Chandigarh	1	0	0
Chhattisgarh	0	1	0
Delhi	0	0	0
Dadra Nagar Haveli And Daman Diu	0	0	0
Goa	0	0	0
Gujarat	0	3	1
Haryana	0	0	0
Himachal Pradesh	1	1	3
Jammu And Kashmir	0	0	0
Jharkhand	0	1	1
Karnataka	3	4	5
Kerala	0	1	3
Ladakh	0	0	0
Lakshadweep	0	0	0
Madhya Pradesh	1	2	6
Maharashtra	7	14	14
Manipur	1	3	2
Meghalaya	0	1	4
Mizoram	0	0	0
Nagaland	0	0	0
Odisha	0	1	0
Puducherry	0	0	0
Punjab	1	0	0
Rajasthan	0	3	0
Sikkim	0	0	0
Tamil Nadu	2	5	2
Telangana	0	0	0
Tripura	0	1	1
Uttarakhand	0	0	0
Uttar Pradesh	0	3	6
West Bengal	0	0	1
Total	21	50	54

* Data source IDSP/IHIP as on 27-2-2025