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Title: Regarding stray dog menace.

***SHRI GURJEET SINGH AUJLA (AMRITSAR) :** I thank you, Hon. Speaker Sir, for giving me the opportunity to raise an important issue.

Sir, the menace of rogue and stray street dogs has assumed alarming proportion in Punjab and the entire country. According to W.H.O., 3.5 crores stray street dogs are there in the country. Due to the dog-biting incidents, lot of rabies cases are there in South-East Asia and 35% of such incidents occur in India itself. In 2015, 22,000 dog-biting incidents had taken place in Punjab. In 2016, the number increased to 33,000. In 2017, it increased further to 54,000 and in 2018, a whopping over one lakh such incidents took place.

Sir, it is very dangerous to send children outside the House for playing etc. Over 50% cases of dog-bite have happened to the children. In cities, garbage etc. leads to proliferation of stray street dogs. However, in villages, when we throw away carcasses of our dead pet animals, the stray dogs feast on them and their number increases. School-children are specially vulnerable to dog-bites.

Sir, I urge upon the Government that sterilization of stray dogs should be undertaken at a war-footing. We cannot allow our children to be bitten by these rogue stray dogs. So, the Government must undertake concrete measures to get rid of this menace at the earliest.

Thank you.

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