

Regarding stray dog manace

SHRI KARTI P. CHIDAMBARAM (SIVAGANGA): Sir, I wanted to raise this issue on December 13 when you were in the Chair, when unfortunate incidents happened in the House, but I could not get an opportunity to raise it. ? (*Interruptions*)

Sir, this is an issue which concerns the man on the street. In India, we have six crore stray dogs. We are spending 150 million dollars in Rabies vaccines. About 36 per cent of all the Rabies cases in the world are in India. Recently in Chennai, one dog bit 29 people and they all had to be hospitalised because after testing it was found that the dog had Rabies. In Ahmedabad, an industrialist named Parag Desai who went for a walk in the morning was chased by a pack of dogs. In panic, he fell down. ? (*Interruptions*)

HON. CHAIRPERSON: Please put the demand now.

SHRI KARTI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying or the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare do not take responsibility for this. The local bodies do not have the funds or the expertise to implement the Animal Birth Control (Dogs) Rules, according to which the dogs are to be caught and vaccinated. ? (*Interruptions*)

So, through you, I would request the hon. Prime Minister to constitute a national task force and fund it to deal with this problem.