

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS  
LOK SABHA**

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ANIMALS MENACE IN DELHI  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether stray cattle, dogs and monkeys have become a menace in many States of India particularly in Delhi;
- (b) if so, whether incidents of their bites are increasing thereby causing serious health risks; and
- (c) if so, the corrective measures taken/likely to be taken by the Government to check the increasing number of these animals and to relocate them on the outskirts of cities/towns?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a)&(b) Problems are being faced by local people in several cities and towns due to increasing number of stray cattle, dogs and monkeys.

(c) The corrective measures are as given hereunder:-

(i) Assistance is provided by the Government to animal welfare organizations, throughout the country for construction and maintenance of shelter house with in-house dispensary for stray cattle. In Delhi, the stray cattle are rounded -up and deported by Municipal Corporation of Delhi to the various Gosadans / Gaushalas in Delhi, which are run by the Non-Governmental Organizations, at the outskirts of Delhi, under the supervision of the Government of NCT of Delhi.

(ii) Municipal Corporation of Delhi and New Delhi Municipal Corporation have been permitted by the Forest & Wildlife Department of NCT of Delhi to capture the monkeys in their respective areas. The captured monkeys are sheltered at transit shelter maintained by Forest & Wildlife Department of NCT of Delhi at Rajokari and these monkeys after medical tests are released in forest areas of other States.

(iii) Assistance is provided by the Government to animal welfare organizations, throughout the country for sterilization and immunization of stray dogs for control of their population and rabies. The dogs are caught and handed over to various NGOs/ Municipal Corporation for sterilization and immunization.