

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

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SETTING UP OF GAUSHALAS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to set up Gaushalas and Gausadan in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the financial assistance provided to the State Governments for the purpose during the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) the works executed in Barmer and Jaisalmer districts in Rajasthan under the said scheme;and
- (d) the amount of funds allocated to them during the last three years and the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) to (d) No, Sir. However the Government provides financial assistance to Animal Welfare Organizations/ Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), local bodies etc for establishment and maintenance of shelter houses for care and protection of animals under the scheme for provision of shelter house for looking after animals. During the last three years, financial assistance has been provided to four NGOs in Barmer and Jaisalmer districts in Rajasthan, under this scheme.