

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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ABUSE OF ANIMALS

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

- (a) whether the mental and physical abuse of animals for testing in All India Institute of Medical Sciences has come to the notice of the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Animals kept for the purpose of research at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) are housed in stainless steel cages and clean and healthy atmosphere. The AIIMS strictly follows the norms and guidelines of the Committee for the Purpose of Control and Supervision on Experiments on Animals (CPCSEA), under the control of Ministry of Environment and Forests, in this regard. These animals are regularly checked for health.