

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

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ANIMAL WELFARE FORTNIGHT

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Animal Welfare Fortnight was celebrated in the country in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details of the aim and objectives for such celebration, and
- (c) the extent to which the various programmes organised have obtained their objectives?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

- (a) Yes, Sir. Animal Welfare Fortnight was celebrated during 14-31st January, 2012 all across the country.
- (b) Animal Welfare Fortnight was celebrated to generate awareness about humane treatment of animals, sensitize citizens on prevention of cruelty to animals and about the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 and the various rules made thereunder.
- (c) Animal Welfare Fortnight celebration contribute a lot in spreading the message of respect for life of each living being, as also of human beings' obligation to co-exist with animals and treat them with kindness and compassion and as such they achieve their objectives.