

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5354  
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ASSISTANCE TO GAUSHALAS  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal for setting up of Gaushalas 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 including Jammu and Kashmir; and
- (c) the time by which these are likely to be set up?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) No Madam. However, to promote welfare of uncared/ownerless animals including cows, the Government of India is providing grants-in-aid through the Animal Welfare Board of India to animal welfare organizations/NGOs, Local bodies, non-profitable institutions including Gaushalas/Pinjrapoles recognized by the Board under the plan scheme for setting up of shelter houses. About 600 organisations have set up shelter houses under this scheme. The details of financial assistance provided to the organizations during the last three years is at annexure.