

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1799  
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PROTECTION TO COWS .  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to protect cows in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the schemes formulated in this regard; and
- (c) the success achieved by the Government under the said schemes during the last three years and the current year?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) No, Sir. There is no such proposal in the Ministry. However, the Ministry of Environment & Forests administers The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 which aims to prevent the infliction of unnecessary pain or suffering on animals. Under the Act, Government has established the Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) for the promotion of animal welfare generally and for the purpose of protecting animals from being subjected to unnecessary pain or suffering, in particular.