

**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 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 and the current year, State-wise including Chhattisgarh; and
- (c) the time by which these are likely to be set up?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (Dr. M. VEERAPPA MOILY)

(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 (AWBI) to Animal Welfare Organizations/NGOs, Local bodies, non-profitable institutions including Gaushalas/Pinjrapoles recognized by AWBI 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 for this purpose during the last three years and current year (upto 31/1/2014) State-wise including Chhattisgarh are given at Annexure.