

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3725

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DOG MENACE

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received complaints with regard to attack on people particularly children by stray dogs and monkeys in the NCT of Delhi; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government, Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) and New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI KIREN RIJU)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): The number of complaints received in the MCD, NDMC and Delhi Cantonment Board as under:

Authority No. of dog/monkey bite cases
received during the last one year

MCD 27644

NDMC Nil

Delhi Nil

Cantonment

Board

The Delhi Municipal Corporations (DMCs) have taken following steps:

(i) In order to control the population of stray dogs in the areas under the jurisdiction of DMC, the Animal Birth Control (Dogs) Rules-2001 of Government of India are followed in which the straydogs are sterilized and vaccinated against rabies and are released back to their local habitat with the help of NGOs.

(ii) The monkeys are caught and relocated to Asola Bhatti Mines Sanctuary for their further feeding, managed by the Department of Wildlife and Forests, Government of Delhi.

(iii) The East DMC has started the citizen helpline number 155303 on which complaints of stray dogs are received. Besides this, numerous complaints are also received over phone, by SMS as well as in writing.

The New Delhi Municipal Council has taken the following steps:

(i) It runs Central Control Room for 24 hours and if such type of complaint is received, the team of dog catching visits the area and catch those stray dogs who are unimmunized and unsterilized as per Act.

(ii) If the caught dog has bitten anybody and is unimmunized, it is kept under observation for 10 days.

(iii) 40 trained young men who can disguise themselves as langooors and scare the monkeys away as the langooors did, are hired by the NDMC and the same are working at the residence /office of VVIPs and MPs, Hon'ble Judges of Apex Court etc.

(iv) For monkey menace, the NDMC has acquired Sure Shot Rubber Bullet Guns for scaring the monkeys.

The Delhi Cantonment Board is running Animal Birth Control Programme for sterilization of stray dogs and has entered into an agreement with Animal Welfare Board of India (Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India) since August, 2010.