

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA**

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VIRUS ATTACK ON ANIMALS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there have been reports of infection and death of animals due to canine distemper virus infection; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) Canine Distemper, a viral disease, is prevalent in the country. As per the Animal Disease Surveillance Report received from Animal Husbandry Department of States/Union Territories, there are cases and death of dogs in few States, For example, during the year 2013, there were 732 cases and 23 deaths of dogs due to Canine Distemper Vaccines are available in the country for preventive vaccination in dogs to control the disease.

A single case of tiger mortality due to Canine Distemper Virus (CDV) has been confirmed from the Pilibhit area of Uttar Pradesh in November, 2013. Based on discussion with experts and field officers, and advice from the Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI), and the Wildlife Institute of India, the tiger States have been advised by the National Tiger Conservation Authority for monitoring and taking precautionary measures against spread of Canine Distemper Virus. Under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger, central assistance is provided to tiger States, which inter-alia, includes funding support for prophylactic immunization against diseases communi- cable to the wildlife.