

Title: Requested the Government to reconsider the decision of imposing a ban on the use of animals for experimental purposes in the fields of bio-medical and pharmaceutical research.

DR. RAM CHANDRA DOME (BIRBHUM): Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, I want to draw the attention of the Government to a matter of urgent public importance. Many of the eminent academicians, scientists and research scholars have protested against the decision taken by the Government of India recently on the use of experimental animals in bio-medical research.

Sir, on 6th April this year, the Government of India, in contravention of the earlier guiding principles, had taken a decision on the use of experimental animals. They have virtually imposed a ban on the use of animals for experimental purposes.

Sir, I am also against the arbitrary killings of animals. But in bio-medical research and pharmaceutical research, the experiment on animals is very much essential. It had been going on since time immemorial for the benefit of human kinds. But recently, in the name of protection of animal kinds, this sort of arbitrary decision has been taken by the Government of India, which is hampering the very purpose of research work in bio-medical area.

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So, Sir, I urge upon the Government to review this sort of a decision so that our research work for human kind can go on smoothly and our academicians, scientists and scholars can avail this facility of experimenting on animals, which is for the noble cause and for the betterment of human kinds.

Once again, I urge upon the Government that they should come out clearly and review the decision on this issue.