

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**LOKSABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 863
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2025**

RABIES CONTROL PROGRAMME

863. SHRI VE VAITHILINGAM:

Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- a) whether the Government is cognizant that the presence of unvaccinated street dogs, amidst human settlements is a major contributor to the high incidence of endemic Rabies in the country;
- b) if so, the details thereof; and
- c) the preventive steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government keeping in mind that successful implementation of Rabies Control Programmes throughout the world that have demonstrated the elimination of such disease technically feasible?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY
WELFARE
(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)**

(a) to (c) : Government is aware of the fact that the presence of unvaccinated street dogs in human settlements is a significant contributor to the high incidence of endemic rabies in the country. Dog bite cases are reported on Integrated Disease Surveillance Program (IDSP)/Integrated Health Information Platform (IHIP) portal.

In this regard, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has already implemented National Rabies Control Program (NRCP) across the country since 12th Five Year Plan. To monitor the programs and rabies elimination activities, surveillance mechanism has been established under the program. The program initiatives & preventive measures can be accessed on following link;

<https://ncdc.mohfw.gov.in/national-rabies-control-programme/>
