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DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1540
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11TH FEBRUARY 2020

ZERO HUMAN RABIES BY 2030

1540. DR. MUNJPARA MAHENDRABHAI KALUBHAI:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मात्स्यिकी, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any work done by World Health Organization (WHO), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) and Global Alliance for Rabies Control (GARC) agreed to achieve 'Zero Human Rabies' by 2030
- (b) if so, the status of work taken up so far for the same and the entities/agencies with whom these organisations are associating with; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
(DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)**

a): Yes, Sir. As per available information, the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) collaborate closely with the United Against Rabies (UAR) partners, i.e. World Health Organization (WHO), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), and Global Alliance for Rabies Control (GARC) towards achieving the goal of elimination of dog-mediated Rabies in human by 2030 (Zero by 2030).

b) & c): OIE is a standard setting organization and also develops guidelines and protocols for animal disease control including rabies. National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, New Delhi is the Nodal Agency having technical collaborations with the Tripartite (OIE, WHO & FAO) for implementing the National Rabies Control Program (NRCP) approved by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) in the country. The collaboration provides a coordinated foundation for rabies prevention, integrated with the strengthening of human and veterinary health systems with following progress:

- Conducting Training programmes for Health Care professionals on appropriate Animal bite management and Rabies Post Exposure Prophylaxis
- Strengthen Human Rabies Surveillance System
- Strengthening of Regional Laboratories under National Rabies control Programme (NRCP) for Rabies Diagnosis
- Creating awareness in the community through Advocacy & Communication and Social Mobilization.
- Strengthening the inter-sectoral coordination among health and veterinary sector for prevention and control of Rabies.
