

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.264
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21st JULY, 2023

STATUS OF COW SHELTERS

264.SMT. SULATA DEO:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of cow shelters in the country, along with the number of cows being reared therein, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether there is a directive or measure in place to provide subsidies to these cow shelters; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)**

(a) As per basic animal husbandry statistics, total number of gaushala in the country are 7676. The state-wise detailed list of gaushala is attached at Annexure. The data regarding number of cows in those gaushalas are not maintained.

(b) & (c) As per the Article 246(3) of Constitution of India, preservation, protection and improvement of stock and prevention of animal diseases, veterinary training and practice are under State list for which the States have exclusive powers to make laws. As per Article 243(W) of Constitution of India, the local bodies are responsible for managing cattle pounds and pinjrapoles. Therefore, the Panchayats in the State may also establish and run Cattle Pounds (Kanji Houses)/ Gaushala Shelters (community assets) to keep stray cattle. Many States have established Gaushalas and Shelter houses for stray cattle and provide for feeding of those animals.

In view of the above-mentioned constitutional provisions, the State is empowered to take appropriate action on stray animals. Further, the Animal Welfare Board of India is providing some assistance to the AWBI recognized Animal Welfare Organizations to establish shelter.

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State-wiselist of Gaushala in thecountry

Sl. No.	Nameof theState	Others
1	AndhraPradesh	56
2	ArunachalPradesh	
3	Assam	16
4	Bihar	87
5	Chhattisgarh	117
6	Goa	9
7	Gujarat	1418
8	Haryana	640
9	HimachalPradesh	221
10	Jammu&Kashmir	36
11	Jharkhand	31
12	Karnataka	220
13	Kerala	-
14	MadhyaPradesh	905
15	Maharashtra	222
16	Manipur	
17	Meghalaya	
18	Mizoram	Nil
19	Nagaland	-
20	Odisha	93
21	Punjab	447
22	Rajasthan	2269
23	Sikkim	-
24	TamilNadu	75
25	Telangana	175
26	Tripura	
27	Uttarakhand	34
28	UttarPradesh	582
29	WestBengal	
30	A&NIslands*	-
31	Chandigarh	3
32	Ladakh	0
33	D.&N. Haveli and Daman &Diu	6
34	Delhi	4
35	Lakshadweep	0
36	Puducherry*	-
All India		7676

‘-‘Notavailable/notreceived,*previousyeardataused.Source:State/UTs
Animal HusbandryDepartment