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 MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING  
 DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING  
 LOK SABHA  
 UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2856  
 TO BE ANSWERED ON 18<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2025

**ANIMAL WELFARE FESTIVAL**

2856. SHRI VIJAY BAGHEL:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING:

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be pleased to state:

- (a) the special programmes or initiatives likely to be taken under the Animal Husbandry and Animal Welfare Festival in the state of Chhattisgarh;
- (b) the steps taken to ensure participation of Farmers, dairy producers and animal welfare organisations in these activities;
- (c) whether any special training or capacity building workshops is likely to be organized for veterinarians and animal care workers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof particularly in respect of Durg and Bemetara districts Lok Sabha constituency?

**ANSWER**

THE HON'BLE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING  
 (PROF. S. P. SINGH BAGHEL)

(a) As per the Livestock Development Department of Chhattisgarh, under the Animal Husbandry and Animal Welfare Festival Month (14th January to 13th February 2025), extended until 13th March 2025, the State organized 960 Animal Health Camps, 620 Infertility Camps, an Animal Birth Control Program, 138 Farmer Seminars, 23 Awareness Camps in schools/colleges, and 85 Kisan Credit Card (KCC) Camps. Additionally, 11,180 animals received treatment, 11,697 were vaccinated, 16,476 free anti-rabies vaccines were administered, and 26,455 animals were dewormed. Furthermore, 419 artificial inseminations and 2,048 mass castrations were conducted.

The Animal Welfare Board of Chhattisgarh plans to organize block-level seminars for farmers and dairy producers to educate them on protecting livestock from extreme heat and the risks of using oxytocin injections in dairy cows. Animal owners were also advised to keep their animals tied within their premises to prevent road accidents. Additionally, awareness programs were conducted for pet shop owners to prevent cruelty to animals.

(b) State Governments, Animal Welfare Organizations, NGOs, and Educational Institutions have been requested to organize workshops, webinars, health camps, awareness gothis, livestock fairs, and competitions, including best milk production contests, animal shows, and student competitions on animal welfare and husbandry. Special programs are also planned for Gaushalas and NGOs engaged in animal welfare.

(c) & (d) State Governments are encouraged to conduct capacity-building and training activities as required during the designated month. However, due to a lack of funds in the current financial year, Chhattisgarh was unable to organize any capacity-building programs for veterinarians.

