

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & DAIRYING  
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & DAIRYING  
RAJYA SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 30  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY, 2023

**SHORTAGE OF VETERINARY DOCTORS**

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Will the Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of veterinary doctors at present, in the country;
- (b) if so, details of the sanctioned and vacant posts respectively, State-wise;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that a large scale livestock deaths are taking place due to lack of medical facilities in the country; and
- (d) the steps taken or being taken by Government during last two years to save the lives of animals?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & DAIRYING**

**(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)**

- (a) to (d) A Statement is placed on the Table of the House.

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(a) and (b) Animal Husbandry, including Veterinary Science as well as veterinary practice, is a State subject. Hence, public employment of veterinarians, as per their requirement, is the responsibility of the State Government. A statement showing State-wise number of sanctioned and vacant posts of veterinary doctors employed, as gathered therefrom, is enclosed (Annexure I).

(c) and (d) While no reports of large scale deaths of animals due to lack of veterinary services / facilities have been received from the States, yet reports of death of animals affected by Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) have been received during 2022-23. Department has issued advisories /guidelines / SOP for containment of LSD and isolation of infected animals, vaccination, hygiene and treatment protocols. Control Room at the centre was set up, which coordinated efforts of the States in controlling LSD. Central teams werealso deputed for investigation and monitoring. Advisories were also issued to unaffected States for appropriate awareness and preparedness. Funds have also been provided to affected States as per their demand. Recovery rate has improved thereafter.

During the last two years, Department hastaken up vaccination, on national scale, against economically important animal diseases like Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD), Brucellosis, Peste Petits Ruminants (Goat plague), Classical Swine Fever (Hog cholera). In addition, States are also assisted financially for vaccination of animals against State-priority diseases across the country which help in saving of lives of animals.Assistance, including providing veterinary services is given under the Livestock Health and Disease Control Programme of the Department. Further, to ensure that veterinary healthcare services are provided at the farmer's doorstep through Mobile Veterinary Units (MVUs), the Government is providing assistance to States/ UTs and assisted for 4340 MVUs across the country and released Rs.682.85Crore since 2021-22.

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**POSITION OF VETERINARIANS IN STATES/UTS AS ON 31-1-2023**

**Annexure –I**

| <b>S.No.</b> | <b>State</b>                         | <b>Sanctioned posts of<br/>Veterinary doctors</b> | <b>Vacant posts of<br/>Veterinary doctors</b> |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 1            | Andhra Pradesh                       | 1781                                              | 275                                           |
| 2            | Arunachal Pradesh                    | 176                                               | NIL                                           |
| 3            | Assam                                | 703                                               | 171                                           |
| 4            | Andaman & Nicobar Islands            | 45                                                | 14                                            |
| 5            | Bihar                                | 2067                                              | 860                                           |
| 6            | Chhattisgarh                         | 754                                               | 41                                            |
| 7            | Chandigarh                           | 05                                                | 01                                            |
| 8            | Delhi                                | 64                                                | 12                                            |
| 9            | Dadra Nagar & Haveli; Daman<br>& Diu | 04                                                | 03                                            |
| 10           | Goa                                  | 56                                                | 23                                            |
| 11           | Gujarat                              | 810                                               | 432                                           |
| 12           | Haryana                              | 1126                                              | 216                                           |
| 13           | Himachal Pradesh                     | 535                                               | 81                                            |
| 14           | Jammu & Kashmir                      | 1295                                              | 317                                           |
| 15           | Jharkhand                            | 774                                               | 237                                           |
| 16           | Karnataka                            | 3317                                              | 1136                                          |
| 17           | Kerala                               | 1637                                              | 46                                            |
| 18           | Ladakh                               | 48                                                | 07                                            |
| 19           | Lakshadweep                          | 13                                                | 12                                            |
| 20           | Madhya Pradesh                       | 1671                                              | 289                                           |
| 21           | Maharashtra                          | 2581                                              | 681                                           |
| 22           | Manipur                              | 163                                               | 42                                            |
| 23           | Meghalaya                            | 262                                               | 3                                             |
| 24           | Mizoram                              | 115                                               | 28                                            |
| 25           | Nagaland                             | 165                                               | 14                                            |
| 26           | Odisha                               | 1480                                              | 382                                           |
| 27           | Puducherry                           | 33                                                | 23                                            |
| 28           | Punjab                               | 1508                                              | 707                                           |
| 29           | Rajasthan                            | 3691                                              | 1367                                          |
| 30           | Sikkim                               | 185                                               | 71                                            |
| 31           | Tamil Nadu                           | 3030                                              | 299                                           |
| 32           | Telangana                            | 1223                                              | 297                                           |
| 33           | Tripura                              | 348                                               | 196                                           |
| 34           | Uttar Pradesh                        | 2286                                              | 598                                           |
| 35           | Uttarakhand                          | 461                                               | 90                                            |
| 36           | West Bengal                          | 1333                                              | 119                                           |
|              | <b>Total</b>                         | <b>35745</b>                                      | <b>9090</b>                                   |