

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2986

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VETERINARY HOSPITALS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of veterinary hospitals, dispensaries, polyclinic and doctors in the country including Karnataka, State-wise;
- (b) whether such Institutions are adequate in comparison to the ratio of cattle in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (d) whether several State Governments have sought financial assistance under Centrally Sponsored Schemes to open such institutions for catering to the health of the cattle; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken by the Union Government to provide funds for setting up of such institutions in the States?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) At present there are 8,732 Veterinary Hospitals and Polyclinics and 18,830 Veterinary Dispensaries in the country. As per Indian Veterinary practitioners Registers (IVPR) maintained by the Indian Veterinary Council, as on date, a total of 54462 registered veterinary practitioners are available in the country. State-wise details are at annexure.

(b) & (c) No, Madam. The National Commission on Agriculture in 1976 made recommendation for improving the number of Veterinary hospitals and dispensaries. As per the Commission's recommendation, there should be at least one veterinarian for every 20,000 cattle units by 1980, 10,000 cattle units by 1990 and 5,000 units by 2000 AD. The requirement of veterinary institutions for cattle population (185.18 Million) works out to 37,036, against presently available 27,562 institutions.

(d) No, Madam.

(e) Question does not arise.