

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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VETERINARY DOCTORS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of veterinary hospitals, dispensaries, polyclinic and doctors in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the recommended number of veterinary surgeons vis-a-vis population of livestock in the country;
- (c) whether availability of such surgeons is not as per the required norms;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the details of the new veterinary hospitals, dispensaries, polyclinics being set up/proposed to be set up by the State Governments in the country?

Answer

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

- (a) There are a total of 8,732 veterinary hospitals/ polyclinics and 18,830 veterinary dispensaries in the country providing health services to the livestock and poultry in the country. The State-wise details are at annexure I. As per record of Veterinary Council of India, there are 57,509 registered veterinary practitioners in the country. The State wise details are at annexure II.
- (b) The National Commission on Agricultural in 1976 had made the recommendation that 'theres 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'.
- (c) & (d) Yes Madam. There is a gap in availability of doctors/ surgeons per cattle unit. There are 57509 registered veterinary practitioners in the country, of which only about 50% are in public sector. The basic reasons for the gap are non-creation of enough educational infrastructure for veterinary training, shortage of veterinary hospitals and dispensaries and non filling up of the vacant posts in the States and Union Territories.
- (e) As per information received from the states, most of the state governments are in the process of setting up new hospitals/ polyclinics and dispensaries as per need and norms. In order to set up buildings for new veterinary hospitals & dispensaries, and strengthen the existing ones, central assistance is being provided to states on 75:25 centre and state sharing basis except in the north eastern states, where the centre and state share is 90:10. A sum of Rs, 6390.00 Lakhs has been released to the states during 2010-11 for this purpose.