

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS  
LOK SABHA**

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MEDICAL TREATMENT TO ENDANGERED SPECIES  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has noticed the shortage of veterinary facilities and trained staff to treat the endangered species in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (d) the total number of institutes in the country which are offering specialized courses with respect to wild life and endangered species alongwith the total number of personnel who have been trained in this regard during the last three years and the current year?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

(a) & (b) The Ministry is aware of the shortage of trained veterinary doctors to deal with wildlife health problems in the country. However, the details of the requirement of veterinary doctors are not compiled in the Ministry of Environment and Forests.

(c) The State/Union Territory Governments are primarily responsible for the management of National Parks/Wildlife Sanctuaries. Involvement of State Veterinary Department and their hospitals located near the Protected Areas has been identified as a practical solution for treatment of wild animals.

Further, the Central Zoo Authority organizes training programmes for the veterinarians working in the zoos at interval of two years to enhance their skill and efficiency in respect of the diagnosis and treatment of wildlife including the endangered species. The Central Zoo Authority also organizes specialized training programme for the zoo compounders and laboratory technicians at the National Institute of Animal Welfare, Ballabgarh, Harayana and other institutes. Every year, one zoo veterinarian is also deputed to the Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust, Jersey, United Kingdom for training in endangered species recovery course.

(d) Institutes that offer specialized courses in wildlife health include the following:  
Wildlife Institute of India, Chandrabani, Dehradun, Uttarakhand

Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izatnagar, Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh

Madras Veterinary College, Chennai, Tamil Nadu

Veterinary College, Khanpara, Guwahati, Assam

Jabalpur Veterinary College, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh

Veterinary College, Anand, Gujarat

Veterinary College, Hebbal, Bangalore, Karnataka

Veterinary College, Bhubaneswar, Orissa

Institute of Animal Health Veterinarian Biologicals, Kolkata, West Bengal

Mizoram College of Veterinary Science, Selesih, Mizoram

State Disease Investigation Laboratory, Abhyanagar, Agartala, Tripura

During the last five years, training has been imparted to 90 Veterinary Officers at the Madras Veterinary College, Chennai and Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izatnagar, Bareilly and to 36 Compounders/ Technicians at the National Institute of Animal Welfare, Ballabgarh. Further, five Veterinary officers were trained at Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust, Jersey, U. K.