

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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VETERINARY EDUCATION  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the level of veterinary services for farmers is very poor and there is a need to upgrade availability of such services and veterinary education in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) The steps taken by the Government to provide better veterinary facilities for cattle in various States and;
- (d) Other necessary steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. CHARAN DAS MAHANT)

(a) The presently available veterinary services for farmers are low and there is a need to upgrade the availability of such services including veterinary education in the country

(b) The Government is implementing a Centrally Sponsored scheme namely 'Livestock Health and Disease Control' to help State Governments to finance better veterinary care for livestock in the Country. The Department releases funds to the States/UTs for implementation of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely 'Livestock Health & Control Disease' which has the following components:-

- (i) Assistance to States for Control of Animal Disease(75:25);
- (ii) National Project on Rinderpest eradication(100%);
- (iii) Professional Efficiency Development (50:50 to States and 100% to Veterinary Council of India);
- (iv) Foot and Mouth Disease Control Programme (100%);
- (v) National Animal Disease Reporting System(100%);
- (vi) National Control Programme for Pestis des Petits Ruminants (100%);
- (vii) Establishment and Strengthening of Veterinary Hospitals/ dispensaries (100%);
- (viii) National Control Programme for Brucellosis(100%);

(c) & (d) The Department has taken following necessary steps to provide better facility of Veterinary facility of Veterinary facilities for cattle in various States:-

i) Under the scheme of 'livestock Health and Disease Control' programme, a sum of Rs. 33196.07 lakh has been released as a financial assistance to states & Union Territories for the year 2011-12.

ii) Further, to provide better veterinary services, a new component namely 'Establishment and Strengthening of existing veterinary Hospital and Dispensaries(ESVHD)' has been incorporated from 2010-11, Under this component, assistance is being provided to State/Union Territories to set up new Veterinary Hospitals and Dispensaries as well as to strengthen/ equip existing Hospitals/ Dispensaries. During 2010-11 & 2011-12, a sum of Rs. 9726.50 lakh and 9881.36 lakh was provided to the states/Union Territories to improve better veterinary facilities in the country.

iii) in order to ensure uniform quality veterinary education, the regulations have been framed by Veterinary Council of India for setting up of Minimum Standard of Veterinary Education in the country namely; Minimum standards of Veterinary Education-Degree Course (BVSC&AH) Regulation, 1993 which were modified in 2008 as notified vide Extra Ordinary Gazette of India Part III Section 4 dated 11.8.2008.