

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

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SHORTAGE OF VETERINARY FACILITIES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a shortage of veterinary facilities and trained and knowledgeable staff to treat wildlife and the endangered species in the country?
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the action taken/to be taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (d) the number of Institutes in the country who are offering specialized courses with respect to wildlife and endangered species and 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) Yes Sir. There is a shortage of trained veterinary doctors to deal with wildlife health problems in the country. However, as the wildlife management is taken up at State level, 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 is generally resorted to 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. The Central Zoo Authority also organizes specialized training programme for the zoo compounders and laboratory technicians at the National Institute of Animal Welfare, Ballabgarh, Haryana 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, Seisih, Mizoram

State Disease investigation Laboratory, Abhyanagar, Agartala, Tripura

The information regarding number of trained personnel who have been trained on wildlife and endangered species are not collated in the Ministry.