

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:826
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SHORTAGE OF VETERINARY DOCTORS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the presently employed veterinary doctors are sufficient enough to meet the demand of their services;
- (b) if so, the details thereof State/UT-wise;
- (c) if not, the shortage/vacancy position of veterinary doctors in the country including metropolitan cities, State/UT-wise; and
- (d) the corrective steps taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): As against the estimated requirement of 67200 Veterinary doctors in the country, there are 63228 registered veterinary practitioners as on 31.03.2013, as per the entries made in the Indian Veterinary Practitioners' Register (IVPR) maintained by Veterinary Council of India.

Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Government India regulates veterinary practice through Veterinary Council of India (VCI). VCI is mandated to maintain the Indian Veterinary Practitioners' Register (IVPR) containing the names of the persons who possess recognized Veterinary qualification (Degree in Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry). Veterinary training and practice is a State subject. This Department does not have the mandate to open Veterinary Colleges to meet any shortfall against the requirement of veterinary doctors in the country. However, as per Indian Veterinary Council Act, 1984, this Department confers recognition of veterinary qualifications awarded by veterinary institutions, on the recommendation of Veterinary Council of India.

Further, this deptt, does not maintain state wise detail of veterinary Doctors employed and vacant positions in the country. However, a statement indicating state wise number of registered veterinary practitioners as on 31.03.2013 is enclosed Annexure-A.