

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF VETERINARY DOCTORS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that there is a huge shortage of veterinary doctors in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of sanctioned strength and vacant posts, State/UT- wise;
- (c) whether it is true that lack of medical facilities is causing the death of livestock on a large scale in the country; and
- (d) if so, the steps which are taken by the Government to fill up these vacancies and save the life of livestock?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE (Dr. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) and (b) 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.

Animal Husbandry is a State subject. Veterinary Services are provided by respective State Government including deployment of veterinary manpower as per their requirement at Veterinary Hospitals. This Department does not maintain State/UT wise detail of veterinary Doctors employed and vacant positions in the country.

Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries(DADF), Government of India is responsible for regulating veterinary practice through Veterinary Council of India (VCI) which 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). A statement indicating State/ UT-wise number of registered veterinary practitioners as on 31.03.2013 is annexed.

(c) As stated in (a) and (b) that Veterinary Services are provided by respective State Government including deployment of veterinary manpower, However, in order to supplement the efforts of State Governments in prevention, control and containment of animal disease, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries provide assistance to State/UTs through Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'Livestock Health and Disease control (LH & DC).

(d) In view of position stated at (a) & (b), question does not arise.