

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
LOK SABHA
ADMITTED UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3136
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08TH AUGUST, 2023

REGISTERED VETERINARY DOCTORS

3136. DR. PRITAM GOPINATHRAO MUNDE:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & DAIRYING
मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री
be pleased to state:

- a. the total number of registered veterinary doctors in the country, State/UT-wise, as on June 01, 2023 particularly in Maharashtra;
- b. whether it is true that there is a 50 per cent shortage of veterinary doctors in Government hospitals for animals, if so, the details thereof;
- c. whether the Union Government has taken measures or issued policy directives to counter the problem; and
- d. if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & DAIRYING
(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)**

- a. As compiled by the Veterinary Council of India (VCI), there are 81,938 Registered Veterinary Practitioners as on 31.03.2023. There are 10,570 registered veterinary practitioners in the State of Maharashtra. State wise details are placed as **Annexure-1**.
- b. Animal Husbandry is State subject and the staffing of government hospitals is done by the States depending on their requirement based on disease epidemiology and animal profile. As per the information received from the States there is varying percentage of shortage of veterinary doctors in some states, while others have no shortage.
- c. & d. The State Governments are competent to take measures and issue policy directives to provide for adequate veterinary doctors for their hospitals. The Veterinary Colleges opened/operated by the State Governments/ State Universities are recognized by the Union Government based on the recommendations and under the regulations of the Veterinary Council of India with the objective for maintaining quality of veterinary education. Private colleges are also regulated under the VCI regulations for quality of education.

ANNEXURE I

Sl. No.	Name of State/UT	Number of Registered Veterinary Practitioners as on 31.03.2023
1	Andaman & Nicobar	59
2	Andhra Pradesh	5324
3	Arunachal Pradesh	232
4	Assam	3154
5	Bihar	3464
6	Chhattisgarh	1215
7	Chandigarh	13
8	Dadar Nagar Haveli	4
9	Daman & Diu	1
10	Delhi	466
11	Goa	222
12	Gujarat	4447
13	Haryana	2372
14	Himachal Pradesh	1402
15	Jharkhand	927
16	Karnataka	4786
17	Kerala	5172
18	Lakshadweep	34
19	Madhya Pradesh	3039
20	Maharashtra	10570
21	Manipur	561
22	Meghalaya	433
23	Mizoram	351
24	Nagaland	350
25	Odisha	2791
26	Puducherry	535
27	Punjab	4285
28	Rajasthan	4853
29	Sikkim	199
30	Tamil Nadu	6245
31	Tripura	451
32	Uttar Pradesh	6907
33	Uttarakhand	1156
34	West Bengal	2661
35	Telengana	2124
36	Jammu & Kashmir	1057
37	Ladakha	76
Total		81938