

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
LOK SABHA**

**STARRED QUESTION NO. *262
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8TH AUGUST, 2023**

SHORTAGE OF VETERINARY DOCTORS

*262. SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE:

SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

ANSWER

THE MINISTER FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) to (f) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY OF LOK SABHA QUESTION NO. *262
PART (a) TO (f) FOR ANSWER ON 08.08.2023 ASKED BY SHRI RAHUL RAMESH
SHEWALE AND SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU REGARDING “SHORTAGE OF
VETERINARY DOCTORS”**

- a) As compiled by the Veterinary Council of India (VCI), there are 81,938 Registered Veterinary Practitioners as on 31.03.2023 in the country. There are 10,570 Registered Veterinary Practitioners in Maharashtra and 2,791 Registered Veterinary Practitioners in Odisha. The State/UT-wise list is placed at Annexure-I.
- 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) The State/UT-wise list is placed at Annexure-I.
- d) and (e) Animal Husbandry is State subject and while some states have reported adequate number of Veterinary Doctors, others have reported taking actions like creation of new posts and filling up of vacant posts to augment the capacity.
- f) The question does not arise.

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	Orissa	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