GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1053
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28TH JULY, 2023

SHORTAGE OF VETERINARY DOCTORS

1053. **SMT. SULATA DEO:**

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   Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
   be pleased to state:

   (a) the number of registered veterinary doctors in the country as on June 01, 2023,
   State/UT-wise;
   (b) whether it is fact that there is a 50 per cent shortage of veterinary doctors across
   Government hospitals for animals;
   (c) if so, the measures or policy directives that have been issued to counter the problem
   and the details thereof; and
   (d) 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 in the country. The State/UT-wise list is placed at
Annexure-I.

(b)   Animal Husbandry is the 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)   Animal Husbandry is the 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.

(d)   The question does not arise

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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**