

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 276
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3RD FEBRUARY, 2023

VETERINARY COLLEGES

276 SHRI IRANNA KADADI:

Will the Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
be pleased to state :

- (a) whether Government is aware that the veterinary colleges in the private sector are essential for animal welfare in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has any estimates of how many veterinary colleges/professionals are required and how many are there, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has any plans for improving veterinary colleges in the private sector, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) Veterinary colleges are essential for animal welfare in the country. However, Animal Husbandry, including Veterinary education, is a State subject and therefore, establishment of veterinary colleges (whether public / private) falls under the purview of the State.

Estimates regarding the requirement of veterinary colleges / veterinary professionals are made by States and there is no such data maintained centrally. However, there are 55 recognized veterinary colleges as on date. Further, as per the Indian Veterinary Practitioner Register (IVPR), maintained by Veterinary Council of India (VCI), there are 76097 registered veterinary practitioners (updated as on 31/3/2021).

(c) & (d) VCI, established under the provisions of the Indian Veterinary Council Act, 1984, is mandated to regulate veterinary practice, which includes, among others, maintaining minimum standards of veterinary education. The Minimum Standards for Veterinary Education (MSVE) Regulations lay down the physical facilities, manpower, course duration, curriculum, etc. that are required to impart the Bachelor of Veterinary Science & Animal Husbandry (BVSc & AH) degree by a recognized veterinary college in the country.