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DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4570  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2023

**SHORTAGE OF VETERINARY DOCTORS**

4570. SHRIMATI SHARDABEN ANILBHAI PATEL:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of veterinary doctors at present in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the sanctioned and vacant posts respectively, State-wise;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that a large-scale livestock deaths are taking place due to lack of medical facilities in the country; and
- (d) the steps taken or being taken by the Government to save the lives of animals during the last two years?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) and (b) Animal Husbandry, including Veterinary Science as well as veterinary practice, is a State subject. Hence, public employment of veterinarians, as per their requirement, is the responsibility of the State Government. State-wise details of sanctioned and vacant posts of veterinary doctors employed, as gathered from them, are at Annexure I.

(c) and (d) While no reports of large scale deaths of animals due to lack of veterinary services / facilities have been received from the States, yet reports of death of animals affected by Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) have been received during 2022-23. Department has issued advisories / guidelines / SOP for containment of LSD and isolation of infected animals, vaccination, hygiene and treatment protocols. Control Room at the centre was set up, which coordinated efforts of the States in controlling LSD. Central teams were also deputed for investigation and monitoring. Advisories were also issued to unaffected States for appropriate awareness and preparedness. Funds have also been provided to affected States as per their demand. Recovery rate has improved thereafter.

During the last two years, Department has taken up vaccination, on national scale, against economically important animal diseases like Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD), Brucellosis, Peste Petits Ruminants (Goat plague), Classical Swine Fever (Hog cholera). In addition, States are also assisted financially for vaccination of animals against State-priority diseases across the country which help in saving of lives of animals. Assistance, including providing veterinary services is given under the Livestock Health and Disease Control Programme of the Department.

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**State-wise position of sanctioned and vacant posts of veterinary doctors (till January 2023)**

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Sanctioned posts of Veterinary doctors</b>	<b>Vacant posts of Veterinary doctors</b>
1	Andhra Pradesh	1781	275
2	Arunachal Pradesh	176	NIL
3	Assam	703	171
4	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	45	14
5	Bihar	2067	860
6	Chhattisgarh	754	41
7	Chandigarh	05	01
8	Delhi	64	12
9	Dadra Nagar & Haveli; Daman & Diu	04	03
10	Goa	56	23
11	Gujarat	810	432
12	Haryana	1126	216
13	Himachal Pradesh	535	81
14	Jammu & Kashmir	1295	317
15	Jharkhand	774	237
16	Karnataka	3317	1136
17	Kerala	1637	46
18	Ladakh	48	07
19	Lakshadweep	13	12
20	Madhya Pradesh	1671	289
21	Maharashtra	2581	681
22	Manipur	163	42
23	Meghalaya	262	3
24	Mizoram	115	28
25	Nagaland	165	14
26	Odisha	1480	382
27	Puducherry	33	23
28	Punjab	1508	707
29	Rajasthan	3691	1367
30	Sikkim	185	71
31	Tamil Nadu	3030	299
32	Telangana	1223	297
33	Tripura	348	196
34	Uttar Pradesh	2286	598
35	Uttarakhand	461	90
36	West Bengal	1333	119