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NATIONAL PROGRAMME FOR STRENGTHENING VETERINARY SERVICES

376. **SHRI SUBHASH BARALA:**
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Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

- (a) the key initiatives undertaken by the Ministry for strengthening veterinary and animal healthcare services during Financial Year 2026–27;
- (b) whether capacity-building programmes have been undertaken for veterinarians and para-veterinary professionals;
- (c) the proposed coverage of veterinary institutions and personnel under these initiatives; and
- (d) the details of planned financial outlay for strengthening veterinary infrastructure and services?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
(SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS LALAN SINGH)**

- (a) & (b) Animal Husbandry is State subject. However, the Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying (DAHD), GOI provides following support to the States/ UTs for strengthening veterinary and animal health services:
 - i. Under Livestock Health and Disease Control Program (LHDCP) scheme, 100% central assistance is provided for vaccination of animals against four major diseases, namely FMD, Brucellosis, Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR) and Classical Swine Fever (CSF).
 - ii. Under Establishment and Strengthening of Veterinary Hospital & Dispensary (ESVHD-MVU) of LHDCP, assistance is provided to States/UTs for operation of MVUs on sharing basis. Total 4019 Mobile Veterinary Units (MVUs) have been made operational in the Country in 29 States/UTs under the scheme.
 - iii. Under Assistance to States for Control of Animal Diseases (ASCAD) support is provided on sharing basis for prevention and control of state prioritized livestock diseases, strengthening of Disease Diagnostic Laboratories etc

- iv. ICAR-NIVEDI has developed National Animal Disease Referral Expert System (NADRES_v2) which can predict the possibility of disease outbreaks at district level 2-3 months in advance.
- (c) Under the ASCAD component of LHDCP, there is a provision for financial assistance on sharing basis for training of Veterinarians and Para-veterinarians. During 2025-26 Rs 971.65 lakh has been released for all the States for this activity.
- (d) The strengthening veterinary infrastructure and services is under the domain of the State Government. However, DAHD, GoI has formulated Guidelines for minimum standards of Veterinary Infrastructure in India and circulated to all States/UTs for adoption and necessary action.
