

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & DAIRYING  
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & DAIRYING  
LOK SABHA  
ADMITTED QUESTION NO. 2712  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2021

**VETERINARY COLLEGES**

2712. SHRI TALARI RANGAIAH:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the veterinary colleges in the private sector are essential animal welfare in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has any estimates of how many veterinary colleges/professionals are required and how many are there, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the 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 OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & 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 of veterinary colleges / veterinary professionals are made by States and there is no such data maintained centrally. However, there are 54 recognized veterinary colleges as on date. Further, as per the Indian Veterinary Practitioner Register, maintained by VCI, there are 85392 registered veterinary practitioners up to 2020.

(c) & (d) Veterinary Council of India (VCI), established under the provision 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.

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