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LOK SABHA
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PROGRAMME FOR STRENGTHENING VETERINARY SERVICES

262. **SHRI RADHESHYAM RATHIYA:**
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Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
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be pleased to state:

- (a) the major initiatives undertaken by the Ministry to strengthen veterinary and animal health services up to May 2026 in the country, including Chhattisgarh;
- (b) the details of capacity-building programmes conducted for veterinarians and para-veterinary professionals in the country, including Chhattisgarh;
- (c) the details of the proposed coverage of veterinary institutions and personnel under these initiatives along with the planned financial outlay for strengthening veterinary infrastructure and services in the country, including Chhattisgarh; and
- (d) whether any State-specific projects, financial allocations, or action plans have been approved for Chhattisgarh under these initiatives and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Animal Husbandry is State subject. However, the Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying (DAHD), GOI provides following support to the States/ UTs including Chhattisgarh 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 supporting better preparedness and response.
- (b) 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 including Rs 7.5 lakh for the state of Chhattisgarh for capacity building program. 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.
 - (c) 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 communicated to States/UT for adoption and necessary action.
- (d) Under LHDCP scheme, total budget allocated for the state of Chhattisgarh for FY 2026-27 is Rs 3162 lakh.
