

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2671
ANSWERED ON:21.03.2005
VETERINARY UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES
Rao Shri Kavuru Samba Siva

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a acute shortage of veterinary doctors and nursing staff in the country;
- (b) if so, the remedial steps taken in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to impart basic training to village youth to attend to sick animals;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to encourage State Governments to start separate Veterinary Universities and Colleges; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

- (a): The Government has not received any information from the States/UTs about the shortage of veterinary doctors and nursing staff.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c) & (d): No, Sir,. However, short-term training is imparted to the rural unemployed youths for undertaking artificial insemination under the scheme on National Project on Cattle and Buffalo Breeding.
- (e) & (f): Veterinary education is a state subject and veterinary universities and colleges are set up by the respective states.