

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1564  
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OPENING OF NEW VETERINARY COLLEGES  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is shortage of veterinary colleges and doctors in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the number of veterinary colleges functioning in each State and the doctors pass out from there every year;
- (d) whether the Union Government proposes to open new veterinary colleges during 2006-07;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a)to(c): No, Sir. Union Government is not in receipt of any report regarding shortage of Veterinary Colleges and Doctors. At present, there are 35 Veterinary Colleges imparting Veterinary education leading to B.V.Sc. & A.H. degree awarded by various State Agricultural Universities, State Veterinary/ Animal Sciences Universities and Central Universities in the country.

In addition, the State Government of Rajasthan has allowed opening of two private Veterinary Colleges in the State with affiliation from Rajasthan Agricultural university, Bikaner.

The number of Veterinary Colleges functioning in each State and the students admitted and passed out from these Colleges during 2005-2006 is given at Annexure.

(d) to (f): No, Sir. Veterinary education being a state subject, the proposals for opening of new Veterinary College are dealt in by the respective State Governments; and the proposal for recognition of degree qualification is referred to the Union Government as per the provisions of the Indian Veterinary Council Act, 1984