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title: Need to take steps to make Veterinary Science more attractive.

SHRI P.R. SENTHILNATHAN (SIVAGANGA): Animal husbandry is the oldest profession of mankind. The majority of rural households depend on Animal Husbandry for their livelihood. About 50% of 2<sup>nd</sup> year BVSc students move to MBBS or BE whenever the cut-off marks for MBBS and BE fall. This results in the shortage of students in BVSc colleges as the vacancies that crop up mid way cannot be filled again for the remaining duration of the course causing injustice to deserving candidates who lost their opportunity to join the course.

The migration of students from BVSc to MBBS results in genuine shortfall of Vets. The shortage of Vets badly affects the veterinary dispensaries. This also results in a proliferation of quacks which badly affect the Animal Husbandry sector.

In Tamil Nadu, Hon'ble Chief Minister has created more job opportunities for Vets by upgrading 1200 veterinary dispensaries and making Vet Science an attractive and respectable course. The Centre should also generate more opportunities and avenues for Vets in the country. Therefore, I urge the Union Government to devise methods to support the State Governments to increase the opportunities and growth potential for Vets and also to stop the mid way migration prevailing at present.