



**LOK SABHA SECRETARIAT**

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Shri **P.C. Gaddigoudar**, M.P. and Chairperson, Standing Committee on Agriculture (2020-21), presented the Thirtieth Report (Seventeenth Lok Sabha) on the subject 'Status of Veterinary Services and Availability of Animal Vaccine in the Country' pertaining to the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying (Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying) to Lok Sabha today, the 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2021.

Some of the important recommendations of the Committee are as under :

<p><b>Scheme on Livestock Health &amp; Disease Control (LH &amp; DC)</b></p>	<p><b>While expressing concern over the huge difference between figures on BE proposed and Budget allocated under the LH&amp;DC Scheme from the year 2017-18 up to 2021-22, the Committee have recommended the Ministry of Finance to bear in mind the proposed allocation projected by the Department and make allocations commensurate with the needs of this Department so that important Schemes and Programmes do not suffer for want of funds.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Recommendation No.1</b></p>
<p><b>Status of Veterinary Infrastructure in the Country</b></p>	<p><b>Expressing dissatisfaction with the inadequacy of the current Veterinary Infrastructure in the country, the Committee have recommended the Department to employ strict measures in cooperation with States and UTs for increasing the strength of Veterinary Institutions and also to have at least one Multi-speciality Veterinary Hospital in each district of the country.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Recommendation No. 3</b></p>
<p><b>Establishment and Strengthening of Existing Veterinary Hospitals and Dispensaries (ESVHD)</b></p>	<p><b>Taking note of the stark contrast between cumulative figures and figures for individual States/UTs regarding Financial Allocations and Physical Achievements under ESVHD Sub-component of LH&amp;DC Scheme, the Committee have recommended the Department to take necessary action to</b></p>

	<p>ascertain that funds released to States/UTs under ESVHD Sub-component are used for the intended purpose and that accountability is ensured in case of poor performance with regard to Physical Targets.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Recommendation No. 4</b></p>
<b>Veterinary Council of India (VCI) and Veterinary Education</b>	<p>Sensing the need to set a standard for Veterinary Education, Training and Practice in the country, the Committee have recommended the Department to work towards establishing at least one Academic Staff College for Teaching Staff and Field Veterinarians and a Model Veterinary College that is Autonomous, follows International Standards of Veterinary Education and is directly under the control of the Department.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Recommendation Para No. 13</b></p>
<b>Veterinary Manpower</b>	<p>Having noted that the significant shortage of Veterinary and Para-veterinary Manpower in the country can be attributed to the unprofitability of the area on Veterinary Services and negligible involvement of Private Sector therein, the Committee have recommended the Department to employ corrective measures to bridge the gap between demand and availability of qualified manpower in the Sector, after undertaking rigorous Independent Evaluation of Schemes and Programmes run by the Centre and States.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Recommendation No. 16</b></p>
<b>Training of Veterinarians and Para-veterinarians</b>	<p>Expressing concern over the poor performance of the LH&amp;DC Sub-component on Professional Efficiency Development (PED) across States and UTs and lack of regular trainings for Continued Veterinary Education (CVE), the Committee have recommended the Department to come up with Guidelines specific to CVE Trainings and to ensure that appropriate funds are released timely under the PED Sub-component of LH&amp;DC Scheme.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Recommendation No. 17</b></p>
<b>Manufacture and Availability of Animal Vaccines</b>	<p>While expressing concern over the shortfall in Vaccine production for Brucellosis and Classical Swine Fever, the lack of Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) compliance of some of the State Biological Units and a shortage of Veterinary Drugs in the country, the Committee have recommended the Department to come up with effective solutions to tackle problems of administrative delays, testing issues and GMP compliance and also to provide a 'Brief Report' on this matter.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Recommendation No.22</b></p>
<b>Quality Control in Animal Vaccine</b>	<p>Noting that quality testing of Animal Vaccine is a time taking procedure, the Committee have recommended the Department to facilitate R&amp;D activities to expedite quality testing mechanism for FMD and other Animal Vaccines so that more samples of Vaccine can be tested within less time and quality control measures can be exercised efficiently.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Recommendation No.23</b></p>

<p><b>Performance of Veterinary Services (PVS) Evaluation of India conducted by OIE – World Organization for Animal Health (OIE – PVS)</b></p>	<p>Considering that the OIE-PVS Report had addressed critical aspects related to status of Veterinary Services and Education in the country, the Committee have recommended the Department to treat the OIE-PVS Report as a Guidebook to follow and implement with regard to Veterinary Services and to take necessary steps to meet objectives mentioned therein.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Recommendation No.26</b></p>
<p><b>‘One Health’ Initiative</b></p>	<p>The Committee have recommended the Department to pursue with all seriousness the objectives laid down by the Indian Network for Fisheries and Animal Antimicrobial Resistance (INFAAR) while also continuing its efforts to tackle issues related to spread of zoonotic diseases in the country in order to fulfil aspirations envisaged under the ‘One Health’ concept which adopts an integrated approach towards Animal Health, Human Health and the environment.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Recommendation No.27</b></p>