

CHAPTER 2

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(In pursuance to Section 4 (1) (b) of 'The Right to Information Act, 2005')

Chaudhary Charan Singh National Institute of Animal Health (CCS NIAH), Baghpat was established by the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India under the sub scheme "Establishment of National Veterinary Biological Products Quality Control Center", under the Central Sector Scheme 'Directorate of Animal Health' as a national facility for quality assessment of veterinary vaccines and diagnostics to be used in India. The foundation stone for the laboratory was laid on the 2nd March 2003 by the then Hon'ble Union Minister for Agriculture, Shri. Ajit Singh. The facility was established in a phased manner. The Uttar Pradesh State Industrial Development Corporation Ltd. was entrusted the responsibility of executing the civil and electrical works of the project. The project was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Union Minister for Agriculture, Cooperation and Consumer Affairs on the 1st of September, 2010.

The Administrative Head of the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries is the Secretary. He is assisted by one Animal Husbandry Commissioner and four Joint Secretaries. The institute is headed by Director and has dedicated cadre strength of twelve officers and three lab assistants. At present, the Director is assisted by four Joint Directors and three Assistant Directors. Their responsibility is to undertake the quality control testing of veterinary vaccines being manufactured in the country by various state biological/ Govt/ Private manufacturers. Besides, two lab assistant, one store keeper, two stenographers and one LDC are in position for lab and administrative support.

Mandate of the institute

- To act as a nodal institute to recommend licensing of veterinary vaccines in the country.
- To make available facilities for quality control of veterinary vaccines and diagnostics
- To make available standards for veterinary biologicals and diagnostics.