

erala Veterinary surgeons' Ser vice Association has amended its bye law at the Annual General body meeting held at Kottayam during January 1996. With this amendment, the doors of the organization were opened to the Assistant Directors of the Department of Animal Husbandry.

This amendment seems innocent prima facia. With this amendment the Association plans for accelerated growth in the coming years effectively combining the youthful manpower of Veterinary Surgeons and the experienced leadership of Assistant Directors. Good. But there is another service organisation named Animal Husbandry officers' Association, currently catering to the needs of officers above the rank of veterinary surgeons. Naturally all the Assistant Directors in the Department will be members of this Association.

And now with two oranisations trying to the woo Assistant Directors, there is confusion and chaos creeping in to the cadre of Assistant Directors. Is it fair to join two oranisations simultaneously? And, if the existing byelaw of the two organisations prevent their members from joining any other service organisations, the situation will be worser.

Personally, I find this really embarassing. We are a very small community, nearly 1800 in number, and we have three organisations to cater to our various needs. Indian Veterinary Association is only a professional body. If you think both the service organisations have almost the same goals to achieve,

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and the same group to be catered with, why not you think in terms of a totally new organisation as Kerala Government Veterinary Officers' Association? Many seniors have raised this idea in many forums by this time.

My question is this- Why not we moot another organisation instead of fighting each other? why not the past and present leaders sit together to find a way out?

Dear Readers:

Think aloud. Send in your views also in this matter, and help our leaders to find a way out