

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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LIVESTOCK CENSUS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government conducts livestock census on regular basis;
- (b) if so, the year in which the livestock census was last conducted;
- (c) the number of cattle especially milch and cross breed recorded in the country, State-wise;
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to increase the number of livestock and also to improve their breed; and
- (e) the time by which the next census is likely to be conducted?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The last census i.e. 17th Livestock Census was conducted with reference date 15th October, 2003. At present, 18th Livestock Census is being conducted with reference date 15th October, 2007.

(c) A statement showing State-wise Number of Crossbred and Milch Cattle based on 17th Livestock census is enclosed as Annexure.

(d) The Department of Animal Husbandry is providing funds to the State Governments under the National project for Cattle and Buffalo Breeding (NPCBB) for the breeding of cattle and buffaloes and upgradation of local non-descript cattle. There is a provision for conservation of indigenous breeds under this scheme.

The Department has seven Central Cattle Breeding Farms (CCBF) located in six States to produce quality bulls for supplying to the State/breeding agencies for induction in their breeding programmes. The CCBFs are maintaining Holstein Friesian (HF), Jersey, Tharparkar, Red Sindhi, HF x Tharparkar, Jersey x Red Sindhi crossbred cattle, Surti and Murrah buffalo breeds.

The Department has four units under Central Herd Registration Schemes (CHRS), which are registering the high yielding animals of different breeds in their breeding tracts. These registered animals and their offspring are monitored for their breeding performance. The following breeds are registered by CHRS namely Gir, Ongole, Tharparkar, Rati, Kangeyam and Haryana breeds of cattle and Murrah, Surti, Jafra-badi & Mehsani breeds of buffaloes.

The Central Frozen Semen Production and Training Institute (CFSP&TI) located at Hessarghata, Bangalore is maintaining elite bulls for frozen semen production and distribution to various breeding agencies in the country. About 10 to 13 lakh doses of frozen semen are supplied to various breeding agencies every year.

(e) The next census i.e. 19th livestock census is likely to be conducted with reference dated 15th October, 2012.