

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1886  
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MILCH CATTLE  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the population of milch cattle is on the decline;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any survey has been conducted in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the impact of such declining of milch cattle on milk production in the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
(PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

- (a) No, Madam. The number of milch cattle has increased from 58.1 million in 2003 to 60.4 million in 2007 which is about 4%.
- (b) Does not arise..
- (c) Yes, Madam.
- (d) The State- wise details of milch cattle as per 2003 & 2007 Livestock Censuses are enclosed as Annexure-I
- (e) There has been an increasing trend in milk production in the country. The milk production in the country has increased from 78.3 million tonnes in 1999-2000 to 108.5 million tonnes in 2008-09