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LIVESTOCK AND BIO DIVERSITY POLICY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to formulate a comprehensive livestock and bio-diversity policy aimed at conservation and improvement of native breeds and varieties through selective breeding;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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(a) to (c): The National Livestock Policy with emphasis on development and conservation of indigenous breeds of livestock is under consideration. However, looking towards importance of indigenous breeds Government of India has initiated the following schemes;

(i) National project for Cattle and Buffalo Breeding (NPCBB) from October 2000 for development and conservation of recognized indigenous bovine breeds through selective breeding in the breeding tract and grading up non descript animals with descript indigenous breeds.

(ii) Conservation of Threatened Breeds of Livestock aiming at conserving and 1 OT- protecting threatened livestock breeds of small ruminants, pack animals, pigs, equines, poultry and duck.

The Government of India has formulated Biological Diversity Act 2002 and established-National Biodiversity Authority (NBA).