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LIVESTOCK CENSUS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the provisions relating to conducting of census for livestock;
- (b) whether any census of livestock has been conducted recently or proposed to be conducted;
- (c) if so, the estimated number of animals in the country including in Rajasthan particularly milch and hybrid animals, State-wise; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to improve their number?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (ARUN YADAV)

- (a) The Government conducts livestock census quinquennially in all States/ UTs of the country.
- (b) The last livestock census was conducted in 2007 and the next census would be conducted in 2012.
- (c) State-wise information on number of animals, category-wise including crossbred cattle and on number of milch animals as per livestock census 2007 is enclosed as Annexure-I and Annexure-II respectively.
- (d) In addition to the steps taken by the State Governments for improving productivity and number of milch animals, Government of India has been supplementing the efforts of the State Governments by way of following steps:
 - (i) National Project for Cattle and Buffalo Breeding is being implemented since October 2000. The project envisages genetic up-gradation of bovine population on priority basis. The project also has focus on development and conservation of indigenous breeds.
 - (ii) Government is also implementing four Central Sector Schemes, namely, (1) Central Cattle Breeding Farms to produce elite bulls for supplying to the State/breeding agencies for induction in their breeding programmes to upgrade the quality and productivity of the livestock in the country; (2) Central Frozen Semen Production and Training Institute to produce frozen semen doses of indigenous, exotic/ crossbred cattle and Murrah bulls for use in Artificial Insemination under breeding programme of the country (3) Central Herd Registration Scheme for registration of elite cows and buffaloes of national important breeds and for identification and location of superior germ plasm and (4) Central Fodder Development Organization with the objective of multiplication of high yielding varieties of fodder crops, distribution of minikits, seed production, training programmes and fodder demonstration.
 - (iii) Government is also implementing centrally sponsored scheme namely Fodder & Feed Development for supplementing the efforts of States in feed & fodder development.