

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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CAMEL REARING
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the number of camels in Rajasthan has substantially declined;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has formulated any scheme to promote camel rearing; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (Dr. CHARAN DAS MAHANT)

(a) Yes madam. As per the Livestock Censuses, the number of camels in Rajasthan has declined from 498 thousand in 2003 to 422 thousand in 2007.

(b) & (c) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries, Government of India "Conservation of Threatened Breeds of Livestock" those breeds of camel, number of which is below 10,000 can be covered and nucleus breeding farm can be established for such camel breeds. Upper ceiling of expenditure for such nucleus breeding farms is Rs. 100.00 lakh. A project for conservation of Kachchi breed of camel with an outlay of Rs. 136.00 lakh was approved during 2008-09 and Rs. 68.00 lakh was released in favour of Government of Gujarat.