

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3261  
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INDIGENOUS BREEDS OF COW  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the number of Indian breeds of cow is registering a decline in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government is providing incentives to rear hybrid cows in place of indigenous breeds; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

- (a) No madam. As per Livestock Censuses, number of indigenous cattle in the country has increased from 160.495 million in 2003 to 166.015 million in 2007.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) & (d) No, Madam. However, Government is implementing Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely, 'National Project for Cattle and Buffalo Breeding' (NPCBB) envisages genetic upgradation of bovines on priority basis. The project also has focus on development and conservation of indigenous breeds.