

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CATTLE BREEDING PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the population statistics of different breeds of cattle across the country during the last five years;
- (b) whether their percentage is on the decrease;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether cattle biodiversity is under severe threat from cross-breeding programmes; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken to protect the endangered Indian cattle breeds?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) Breed-wise data on livestock population was not collected till 17th Livestock Census (2003). However, breed wise data was collected by the Government during 18th Livestock Census (2007) and has been tabulated. Therefore, it is not possible to compare breed wise number of cattle with that of preceding years. However, the percentage increase in total number of cattle during the inter-censal period from 2003 to 2007 is 7.5%. Statement on breed-wise number of cattle as per 18 Livestock Census 2007 is given at Annexure.

(d) & (e) No, Madam. Keeping in view the importance of indigenous cattle breeds in national economy, the Government of India is implementing following schemes. These schemes have focus on development and conservation of indigenous cattle breeds.

1. National Project for Cattle and Buffalo Breeding
2. Central Cattle Breeding Farms
3. Central Herd Registration Scheme

These schemes are supplementing the efforts made by the State Governments in development and conservation of cattle breeds in the country.