

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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COW BREEDING  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of indigenous breeds of cows in the country;
- (b) whether the Government has any policy/plan for breeding and preservation of indigenous cow breeds and its progeny;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the steps being taken by the Government for cow breeding and preservation of indigenous cows all over the country?

**Answer**

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

- (a) There are 34 registered breeds of indigenous cattle in India and the details is given at Annexure-I.
- (b) Formulation of breeding policy and breeding plan for breeding and conservation of indigenous cow breeds and its progeny is the State subject and most of the States have formulated breeding policy for development of cattle population.
- (c) & (d) Government of India has been implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, namely, `National Project for Cattle and Buffalo Breeding` (NPCBB) on 100% grant-in-aid basis through out the country from October 2000. NPCBB envisages genetic upgradation of bovine population on priority basis and also has focus on development and conservation of indigenous breeds. Government is also implementing three Central Sector Schemes, namely Central Cattle Breeding Farms (CCBFs), Central Herd Registration Scheme (CHRS) and Central Frozen Semen Production and Training Institute (CFSP&TI) for development of bovine population.