

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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NATIONAL LIVESTOCK POLICY

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

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating to formulate any National Livestock Policy to increase their population;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted/proposes to conduct any survey on livestock;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the outcome thereof;
- (e) Whether the policy draft has been sent to the State Governments for their consultation;
- (f) if so, the reaction of the State Governments thereto; and
- (g) the other various steps taken/proposed to be taken to increase the number of livestock/milch animals?

**Answer**

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

(a&b) Yes, Madam. The objective of the proposed National Livestock Policy is to provide common guidelines to the states to implement various state specific programmes so as to attain a sustainable livestock sector that would provide optimal food security, food safety, livelihood security and improved socio-economic status of the farmers while ensuring a clean environment.

(c) & (d) The Department regularly conducts Livestock Census and Integrated Sample Survey (ISS) for major livestock products (MLP). The 18th Census figures are notified and are available on the Department of Animal Husbandry Dairying & Fisheries website.

(e) & (f) Yes Madam. The draft National Livestock Policy was circulated to all States/UTs for comments/ concurrence and comments of various states have been received.

(g) The Department is implementing the following schemes to promote livestock:

i) National Project for Cattle and Buffalo Breeding (NPCBB)

ii) Central Cattle Breeding Farms, Central Frozen Semen Production and Training Institute and Central Herd Registration Scheme,

iii) Integrated Development of Small Ruminants & Rabbits.

iv) Piggery Development.