

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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POPULATION OF SHEEP AND GOAT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of the States where goat and sheep population has dwindled/ recorded a decreasing trend during the last two animal census;
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to stop/bring down the export of goat and sheep meat;
- (c) whether the Government has considered the revised export meat policy with reference to the said census/results; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): The last two animal censuses are 17th Livestock Census of 2003 and 18th Livestock Census of 2007. The names of the States where goat and sheep population has declined during the intercensal period i.e. 2003 to 2007 are as under:

States

Goat Goa, Maharashtra, Mizoram, Sikkim, West Bengal, Chandigarh and Daman & Diu.

Sheep Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Mizoram, Nagaland, Punjab, Sikkim, Uttar Pradesh and Uttrakhand.

However, during the same period the total number of goats at all India level has increased from 124358 thousand to 140537 thousand and that of sheep from 61469 thousand to 71558 thousand.

(b) to (d): As per the current Foreign Trade Policy, the export of meat of goat and sheep is free. There is no proposal under consideration to amend the policy.