

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Improvement in Milch Cattle Health and Breed
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of milch and hybrid cattles in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the details of the schemes which the Government has implemented for improvement in their health and breed;
- (c) the details of the diseases that affect overall health of these cattles; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to improve health of cattles and increase their population?

Answer

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

(a) State wise number of crossbred milch cattle and indigenous milch cattle as per 18th Livestock Census (2007) is given in Annexure-I.

(b) In order to effectively tackle the issue of livestock health, the Department is supplementing the activities of the state Governments by way of providing assistance through Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'Livestock Health & Disease Control' having the following components:

- i. Assistance to States for Control of Animal Diseases (75:25),
- ii. National Project on Rinderpest Eradication (100 %),
- iii. Professional Efficiency Development (50:50 to States and 100 % to VCI)
- iv. Foot and Mouth Disease Control Programme (100 %).
- v. National Animal Disease Reporting System (100 %)
- vi. National Control Programme on Peste des Petits Ruminants (100 %)
- vii. Strengthening of existing hospitals/dispensaries (75:25 to Central: States except NE States, where the grants are 90:10).
- viii. National Control Programme on Brucellosis (100 %)

For Genetic Upgradation of bovine population Department is implementing National Project for Cattle and Buffalo Breeding (NPCBB). The project also has focus on development and conservation of indigenous breeds.

(c) & (d) The prevalence of animal diseases such as Foot and Mouth Disease, Brucellosis, Haemorrhagic Septicemia, Anthrax, etc. adversely affects the animal health and productivity. In order to reduce morbidity and mortality in animals due to animal diseases, the Department is supplementing the activities of the State Governments for prevention and control of animal diseases by way of providing assistance through Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'Livestock Health & Disease Control' which is aimed at improving the health of animals and thus increase the productivity.

Under NPCBB assistance is provided to States for strengthening artificial insemination (AI) network, extension of AI coverage and procurement and distribution of bulls for natural service. This has led to improvement in genetic makeup of bovine population in the country.