

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2609
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`DECLINE IN POPULATION OF SHEEP AND GOATS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the population of sheep and goats has decreased in certain States during the last two census;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the projects/schemes launched for the growth and protection of sheep and goats in these States during the XIth Five Year Plan, State-wise;
- (d) the details of the targets and achievements under these projects during the XIth Five Year Plan period; and
- (e) the targets set for the XIIth Five Year Plan along with the steps initiated to achieve them?

Answer

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

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

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 Uttarakhand.

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. The State wise details of sheep and goats population during the two Censuses are as given in the Annexure I.

(c) & (d) A Central Sector Scheme `Integrated Development of Small Ruminants and Rabbits` was launched w.e.f 2009-10 for development of sheep and goats. The target under the scheme for Strengthening of State Sheep/Goat Farms during the XI Plan was 12 and achievement was 20. The details of state-wise projects sanctioned during XIth Five Year Plan period is given in Annexure II.

(e) The proposed target for XII Plan for revival of potential Government Breeding Farms is 10 and establishment of Model Sheep/Goat farms is 2. For 2012-13, the scheme is being run on the same guidelines.