

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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IMPORT OF COWS  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government is importing cows from Europe and other western countries to increase the production of milk;
- (b) if so, whether it has any impact on the Indian society and its agrarian economy;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the measures taken by the Government to preserve and protect the indigenous breeds of domestic animals?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) Government is not importing and also not proposing to import dairy cows from European and other western countries to increase the production of milk. However, there is a provision for import of germplasm for the purpose of genetic upgradation of bovines.

(d) In order to complement and supplement the efforts made by the States in development and conservation of indigenous bovine breeds Government of India is also implementing following schemes for genetic upgradation of bovine population which also has focus on development and conservation of indigenous breeds:

- (i) National Project for Cattle and Buffalo Breeding (NPCBB)
- (ii) National Dairy Plan-I (NDP-I)
- (iii) Central Cattle Breeding Farms (CCBFs)
- (iv) Central Herd Registration Scheme (CHRS)
- (v) Central Frozen Semen Production and Training Institute (CFSP&TI)