

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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INDIGENOUS BREED OF COWS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that indigenous breed of cows are disappearing due to improper protection;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details and number of Indian breed of cows available in the country along with the breed of cows brought from other countries during the last three years and the current year; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to preserve and protect the indigenous breed of cows?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) No, Madam. As per 18th Livestock Census 2007, the country has 89.24 million indigenous female cattle as compared to 82.96 million as per livestock census 2003. Recently three cows of Sahiwal breed have been imported from Pakistan in the year 2013-14.

(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)