

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MILITARY FARMS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Military Farms in different agro-climatic conditions in the country are made available to the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) for development of a national milk breed for cow;
- (b) if so, the State-wise names and location of Military Farms collaborating with ICAR, and the total number of animals of the said Military Farms;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to close down the Military Farms which may put the entire project and the animal wealth in jeopardy; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (d) No, Madam, only 30 acres of land under Military Farm Meerut (Uttar Pradesh) has been made available to Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) for development of national milk breed for cow.

Military Farms at Meerut, Pimpri, Bangdubi, Ambala, Lucknow and Jammu having a total of 27 bulls are rearing bulls for transfer to Bull Rearing Unit of ICAR.

Data is also provided to ICAR, for analysis by Jhansi, Secunderabad, Guwahati, Pathankot, Jalandhar, Bareilly and Jabalpur Military Farms.

Proposal to close down Military Farms is under examination.