

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LIVESTOCK POPULATION

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted fresh livestock census recently in the country including Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the estimated number of milch and hybrid animals in various States;
- (c) whether the number of milch animals has been declining continuously in the country;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government to increase the number of cattle and to improve their breed?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, the Government has recently conducted 19th Livestock census in the country including Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh.
- (b) As per 18th Livestock Census 2007, the state-wise total number of milch animals ie cattle (exotic, crossbred and indigenous) and buffalo in Annexure I and hybrid/crossbred animals of livestock species ie cattle, buffalo, sheep, goat, horse, ponies, camel and pig are enclosed in Annexure- II.
- (c)& (d) The total number of milch animal has increased from 10.53 crore in 2003 to 11.11 crore in 2007.
- (e) Department is implementing following schemes for increasing productively and increasing milch animals in the country.
 1. National Project for Cattle and Buffalo Breeding.
 2. National Dairy Plan.
 3. Central Cattle Breeding Farms (CCBFs).
 4. Central Frozen Semen Production and Training Institute (CFSP&TI).
 5. Central Head Registration Scheme (CHRS).