

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF LIVESTOCK

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a huge scarcity of livestock which is considered as backbone of rural economy;
- (b) if so, the details of the alternative means provided by the Government to the farmers to compensate the shortage of livestock;
- (c) whether the Government has launched a National Livestock Policy/ Scheme to protect and increase the population of livestock in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the financial assistance provided by the Government to various States during the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) No, Madam. As per last two Livestock Censuses the livestock population has increased from 48.50 crore in 2003 to 52.97 crore in 2007 which shows 9.2% increase compared to previous census.

(c) & (d) National Livestock Policy, 2013 has been prepared after consultations with the State Governments and other stake holders. National Livestock Policy, 2013 has been approved by the Government, notified and published. Government is implementing various Centrally Sponsored/ Central Sector Schemes to protect and increase the population of livestock in the country. These Schemes includes National Project for Cattle & Buffalo Breeding, Fodder & Feed Development, Integrated Development of Small Ruminants & Rabbits, Conservation of Threatened Breeds and Livestock Health & Disease Control. The financial assistance released to various States during the last three years and the current year State-wise is given at Annexure-I.