

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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POPULATION OF LIVESTOCK

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the country is having the largest population of livestock;
- (b) if so, the current total population of livestock/milch animals in the country including Maharashtra, State-wise;
- (c) whether there is a decline in the livestock population;
- (d) if so, the details thereof during the last three years; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to increase the population of livestock in the country?

**Answer**

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

(a) As per FAO STAT 2010, population of various species of livestock in major countries having livestock is as under:

(Values in Million Numbers)

country	cattle	buffalo	goats	sheep	pigs	Horses	camels	Total	Total excl.
	pigs								
China	83.8	23.6	150.7	134	476.2	6.8	0.2	875.3	399.1
India	210.2	111.3	154	74	9.6	0.5	0.4	560.0	550.4
Brazil	209.5	1.2	9.3	17.4	39	5.5	0	281.9	242.9
USA	93.9	0	3	5.6	64.9	9.5	0	176.9	112
Pakistan	34.3	30.8	59.9	27.8	0	0.4	1	154.2	154.2

Note: Values may include official, semi-official or estimated data  
Source: faostat.fao.org

India is having largest population of cattle, buffalo and goat.

(b) to (d) Population of Livestock/ milch animals is enumerated during quinquennial censuses. 18th Livestock Census (2007) is the latest such census and State/UT-wise livestock/milch animals in the country including Maharashtra, in 2007 is at Annexure A. There is no decline in livestock population and the number of livestock population in the country has increased to 529.7 million during 18th Livestock census (2007) as compared to 485.0 million during 17th Livestock Census (2003).

(e) In order to supplement efforts made by the States/UTs, Government is implementing the following schemes for development of livestock population in the country:

(i) National Project for Cattle and Buffalo Breeding

(ii) Livestock Health and Disease Control

(iii) Feed and Fodder Development