

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LIVESTOCK CENSUS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the 18th Livestock Census has been conducted in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and category-wise including milch/non-milch animals;
- (c) whether livestock population including indigenous cow species is on the decline as per the latest census;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, category-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to increase and improve the breed of livestock in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

- (a) Yes, Madam.
- (b) The State-wise and category-wise details of animals as per Livestock Census 2007 are enclosed as Annexure-I.
- (c) No, Madam.
- (d) The category-wise details as per 2003 & 2007 Livestock Censuses are enclosed as Annexure-II.
- (e) Following steps are taken to increase and improve the breed of livestock in the country:
 - (i) Government is implementing National Project for Cattle and Buffalo Breeding since October 2000. The project envisages genetic up-gradation of bovine population on priority basis.
 - (ii) Government is also implementing three Central Sector Schemes, namely, (1) Central Cattle Breeding Farms to produce elite bulls for supplying to the State/breeding agencies for induction in their breeding programmes to upgrade the quality and productivity of the livestock in the country; (2) Central Frozen Semen Production and Training Institute to produce frozen semen doses of indigenous/exotic, crossbred cattle and Murrah bulls for use in Artificial Insemination under breeding programme of the country and (3) Central Herd Registration Scheme for registration of elite cows and buffaloes of national important breeds and for identification and location of superior germ plasm.
 - (iii) Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is undertaking research programmes for the improvement of various breeds of livestock and poultry in different agro climatic regions of the country through institute based projects and All India Coordinated Research/ Network Projects.