

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3749  
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INDIGENOUS HORSE BREED  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) The details of the places where indigenous (Horses) equine breed , such as Kathiawari, Marwari. Spiti and Zanskari are found and their number at present:
- (b) whether a pony census (horse population) shows that while there were 1893 ponies in Manipur in 2003, the number fell to 1218 in 2007 and now there are about 400 left; and
- (c) If so, the steps taken by the Government to increase the population of horses/pony in the country?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE, (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

- (a) The home tract of Indigenous horse breed and their numbers as per Indian Livestock Census (1LC-2007) is as follows:

S.N. Name of Breed Home Tract Number as per ILC -2007

1	Marwari Horse	Rajasthan	26,168
2	Kathiawari Horse	Gujarat	52,581
3	Bhutia Pony	Sikkim &	10,619
		Arunachal Pradesh	
4	Manipuri Pony	Manipur	2,467
5	Spiti Pony	Himachal Pradesh	1,292
6	Zanskari Pony	Jammu & Kashmir	7,053

- (b) As per the Indian Livestock Census conducted by Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries (DADF), there were 2,000 Horses and Ponies in Manipur in 2003, the number fell to 1,000 in 2007, while in 2012, the numbers have increased to 1,101.

- (c) Under Centrally Sponsored Scheme `Conservation of Threatened Breeds`, which was started in 2002-03, the DADF, Government of India up to 2013-14 had sanctioned Rs. 105.12 Lakhs to Government of Gujarat for conservation of Kathiawadi Horse; Rs. 70.20 Lakhs to Government of Jammu & Kashmir for conservation of Zanskari Pony; Rs. 42.00 Lakhs to Government of Rajasthan for conservation of Marwari Horse; Rs. 89.39 Lakhs to Government of Arunachal Pradesh for Conservation of Bhutia Pony; Rs. 77.00 Lakhs to Government of Himachal Pradesh for conservation of Spiti Pony and Rs.77.00 Lakhs to Government of Manipur for conservation of Manipuri Pony. This component, `Conservation of Threatened Breeds`, is being subsumed under `National Livestock Mission5` w.e.f. 2014-15, under which 100% grant-in-aid is provided to State Governments to the tune of Rs. 40.00 Lakhs per breed for conservation of recognized indigenous Horse breeds.