GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AGRICULTURE LOK SABHA

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DECREASE IN LIVESTOCK POPULATION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the number of cows, goats, sheep and other milch cattle has declined during the last two census in the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Chhattisgarh;
- (b) the details of target set and achieved during the 11th Five Year Plan and the target set for 12th Five Year Plan regarding development and protection of livestocks;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to formulate a national livestock policy and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the draft policy has been forwarded to the State Government for consideration and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of the various schemes implemented by the Government to protect the livestocks along with the funds allocated to various States during each of the last three years and current year, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (Dr. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) No, as per last two Livestock Census during 2003 and 2007, the total number of female cattle, female goats, female sheep and female buffalo has increased at national level during livestock census 2003 and 2007 as per the details given in the following table:

(In million numbers)
Category Livestock Livestock
Census 2003 Census 2007
Female Cattle 102.7 115.45
Female goat 88.54 99.74
Female sheep 45.07 53.68
Female buffalo 80.03 85.75

- (b) The approach for the 11th Plan for the livestock sector is aimed at achieving an overall growth between 6 to 7 percent per annum for the sector as a whole, with milk group achieving a growth of 5% per annum and meat and poultry achieving a growth of 10% per annum. The achievement made during Eleventh Five year Plan which include the following:
- # The value of output for livestock sector has increased from Rs. 247180 Crore in 2007-08 to Rs. 459051 Crore in 2011-12 at current prices.
- # The milk production has registered an average annual growth of 4.51% during the 11th Five Year Plan.
- # Egg production has registered an annual average growth of 5.59%.
- # The meat production registered an average annual growth of 8.32% during the plan period.

During 12th Five Year Plan in order to achieve the potential for development of the livestock sector, the government has launched National livestock Mission (NLM) with the main objective of achieving sustainable development of the sector by providing greater flexibility to States in formulating and implementing the schemes as per the local needs for benefit of the farmers. Further, with an objective of effective control of animal diseases, the government is supplementing the activities of the state Governments providing assistance through centrally sponsored scheme 'Livestock Health & Disease Control'.

(c) and (d) The Government has formulated National Livestock Policy in 2013 in wider consultation with the States and Stakeholders. The National Livestock Policy aims at increasing livestock productivity and production in a sustainable manner, while protecting the environment, preserving animal bio-diversity, ensuring bio-security and farmers' livelihood. The main objectives of this policy are given in Annexure-I.

- (e) The Government implements various schemes for development and protection of livestock which include the Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'Livestock Health & Disease Control' having following components:
- i. Assistance to States for Control of Animal Diseases (ASCAD)
- ii. Professional Efficiency Development (PED)
- iii. National Project on Rinderpest Surveillance Monitoring (NPRSM)
- iv. Foot and Mouth Disease Control Programme (FMD-CP)
- v. National Animal Disease Reporting System (NADRS)
- vi. Peste des Petits Ruminants Control Programme (PPR-CP)
- vii. Brucellosis Control Programme (Brucellosis CP)
- viii. Establishment and Strengthening of existing Veterinary Hospitals and Dispensaries (ESVHD)
- ix. Classical Swine Fever Control Programme

The State-wise releases made under the scheme during the past three years are placed at Annexure-II.