

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LIVESTOCK CENSUS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) The actual break-up of cows, buffaloes, sheep, goats, etc. during the last livestock census;
- (b) Whether the population of local indigenous breed of cows in the country is decreasing over the last three years;
- (c) If so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) Whether there is large scale demand of Indian cows in other countries;
- (e) If so, the steps taken by the Government to export these cows to other countries: and
- (f) The steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to scientifically breed indigenous/native cows in the country?

Answer

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

(a) As per the Livestock Census-2007, the breakup of cattle, buffaloes, sheep, goats etc in the country is given the table below:

(b)

Category	18th Livestock Census-2007 (Figures in Thousands)
Cattle-Male	83623
Cattle-Female	115452
Total Cattle	199075
Buffaloes	105343
Yak	83
Mithun	264
Sheep	71558
Goat	140537
Pig	11134
Horses & Ponies	611
Mule	137
Donkeys	438
Camel	517
Total Livestock	529698

(b) and (c) The number of livestock including indigenous cattle are enumerated quinquennially through livestock censuses. The number of indigenous female cattle (cows) has increased from 82.96 million numbers in 2003 to 89.24 million numbers in 2007.

(d) and (e) There is no substantial demand for Indian cows in other countries except Nepal, a neighboring country. The export of animals is allowed only for breeding purposes and the department has framed guidelines for import and export of germplasm. Further, export of cows is under restricted list as per EXIM Policy of Government of India and requires license from the Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT).

(f) Government is implementing the following schemes to scientifically breed indigenous/ native cows in the country:

1. National programme for Bovine Breeding and Dairy Development
2. National Diary Plan -1
3. Central Cattle Breeding Farms (CCBFs)
4. Central Frozen Semen Production and Training Institute (CFSP&TI)

5. Central Herd Registration Scheme (CHRS)