

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:140

ANSWERED ON:02.12.2014

CONSERVATION OF LIVESTOCK BREED

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the strategy formulated by the Government to save the Khairigarh breed of ox and cows such as Dangi, Surti, Gir which are on the verge of extinction;
- (b) the number of indigenous breed of cows in the country;
- (c) the names of the universities and research centres engaged in improving the breed of livestock/cows and developing new breeds;
- (d) whether the Government provides financial assistance to the corporate houses for the said purpose and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the other measures taken by the Government to conserve the breed of livestock/cows?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 140 CONSERVATION OF LIVESTOCK BREED TO BE ANSWERED ON 2nd DECEMBER 2014.

a) & e) Strategy of the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture to conserve and develop indigenous breeds (including Kherigarh, Dangi and Gir breed of cattle and Surti breed of buffalo) as reflected in National Livestock Policy, 2013 and Rashtriya Gokul Mission comprises the following main components:

- (i) Production of high genetic merit (HGM) bulls of indigenous breeds through pedigree selection and progeny testing.
 - (ii) Induction of HGM and disease free bulls of indigenous breeds at semen stations and for natural service.
 - (iii) Extension of Artificial Insemination (AI) coverage.
 - (iv) Strengthening of bull mother farms.
- (b) There are 37 registered breeds of cows in the country.
- (c) List of Universities and Research Centres engaged in improving the breed of Livestock/cows and developing new breeds is Annexed.
- (d) Department of Animal Husbandry Dairying & Fisheries has not provided any assistance to the corporate houses for the said purpose.