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SHRI Y.V. SUBBA REDDY (ONGOLE): Madam Speaker, my matter is regarding concern over near extinction of Ongole cattle and request to the Government of India to take immediate measures to increase its population and stop giving permission for its germplasm to other countries....(*Interruptions*)

Ongole cattle are world famous for their toughness, frugality, rapid growth rate, natural tolerance to tropical heat and disease resistance. Andhra Pradesh is proud that Ongole bull is the first Indian breed recognized all over the world....(*Interruptions*)

With lactation period of 279 days, Ongole cow is known for giving about 40 litres of milk a day which contains rich A2 Casein protein that protects us from heart disease and diabetes. But, due to negligence by the State Government and the Central Government, it is on the verge of extinction with only 1000 left in Andhra Pradesh....(*Interruptions*)

SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE (GULBARGA): Madam, in protest, we walk out.

**12.48 hrs**

*At this stage, Shri Mallikarjun Kharge and  
some other hon. Members left the House.*

SHRI Y.V. SUBBA REDDY : I think, the Agriculture Ministry has undertaken a National Programme for Bovine Breeding and Dairy Development to increase the breed of indigenous Ongole cow from Andhra Pradesh for better milk productivity. I want that this scheme be implemented vigorously in Andhra Pradesh for increasing its population and greater milk production in the country.

Secondly, Ongole cattle is ruling the roost in countries like the US, Brazil, Australia, Holland, Africa, Malaysia, Mexico etc. in the name of Brahmana. Brazil has millions of Ongole bulls and it has second bred it by millions and it is exporting them to various other countries at a very high price ranging between Rs. 3 to Rs. 4 crore.

Recently, Brazil has sought permission from the National Biodiversity Authority for its germplasm since the National Biodiversity Act, 2000 prevents taking its germplasm outside India and it requires approval, and each unit of germplasm costs 5,000 dollars in the international market. I am given to understand that a Committee has been constituted for this. I urge the Government not to give Brazil the semen of this great bull. Instead, the Government itself should take it up, increase the population of Ongole bull and export to other countries where it has a huge demand.

Thirdly, Brazil, the USA, Australia and other countries have taken germplasm from India, breeding it by millions and not paying a single penny to Andhra Pradesh as royalty. I also request the Government of India to start the process of getting Geographical Indicator for Ongole bull which will not only save it from extinction but also help in increasing its population.

Thank you, Madam.