

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 04.12.2009
ANSWERED ON
PROMOTION OF FOREIGN BREED OF COWS .

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Will the Minister of COALCOALAGRICULTURE be pleased to state :-

- (a) the results achieved from the schemes going on for a long time for promotion of foreign breed of cows like Jersey and Houston;
- (b) whether they have contributed to increase in production of milk in the country;
- (c) the details of foreign breed of cows; and
- (d) the difference found in quality of milk of foreign and domestic breed of cows?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PA WAR)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) ON THE RAU. SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 230 TO BE ANSWERED ON 4th DECEMBER, 2009.

(a) and (b):: Genetic upgradation programme being implemented by Government of India using exotic breeds of cows, namely, Holstein Friesian and Jersey on nondescript indigenous cattle has resulted in increase in their productivity. At present 21% of the total milk produced in the country is from 9.09 million crossbred cows in milk, as against 20% of the total milk coming from 28.3 million indigenous cows in milk .

(c): Under the genetic upgradation programmes being implemented by Government of India two exotic breeds, namely, Holstein Friesian ands Jersey have been utilized.

(d): Difference found in quality of milk of foreign and domestic breed of cows is in terms of milk fat percentage. The milk fat percentage of foreign breed of cows on an average ranges from 3 to 4.5%, whereas the same in indigenous breeds ranges from 4 to 5.5%, although lactation yield is higher in exotic breed of cows as compared to indigenous breed of cows.