GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3261 TO BE ANSWERED ON 6TH DECEMBER, 2106

PROTECTION OF INDIGENOUS BREEDS OF COWS

3261. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि और कृषक कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that some indigenous breeds of cows have gone extinct due to cross-breeding scheme introduced by the Government and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the National Green Tribunal (NGT) has pressed for the need of protection of indigenous breeds of cows across the country;

(c) if so, the details of the steps taken by the Government for protection and conservation of indigenous breeds of cows;

(d) whether there has been any increase or decrease in the number of indigenous breeds of cows during the last decade; and

(e) if so, the number of indigenous breeds of cows across the country including Rajasthan, Statewise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a), (d) & (e) As per 19th Livestock Census-2012, only 20.81% are crossbred against 79.19% indigenous cattle population. As per breed survey report 2013 the country has 37.92 million animals of recognized indigenous cattle breeds as against 23.78 million animals of recognized indigenous cattle breeds during 2007 (as per breed wise livestock census 2007). Population of indigenous breeds of cattle across the country including Rajasthan, State-wise is given at Annexure-I.

(b) & (c) No, Madam. The case is sub judice. In order to complement and supplement the efforts made by the States to protect and promote indigenous bovine breeds Government of India is implementing following schemes: a) National Programme for Bovine Breeding & Dairy Development (NPBBDD); b) Rashtriya Gokul Mission (part of NPBBDD); c) National Kamdhenu Breeding Centre; d) National Dairy Plan-I; e) Central Herd Registration Scheme, f) Central Cattle Breeding Farms and g) Central Frozen Semen Production & Training Institute. Following steps are being taken under these schemes to promote indigenous breeds: a) implementation of bull production programme (progeny testing & pedigree selection) for production of high genetic merit disease free bulls; b) induction of indigenous bulls of high genetic merit for natural service & AI; c) strengthening of bull mother farms of indigenous breeds; d) establishment of Gokul gram; e) establishment of two National Kamdhenu Breeding Centre one in Andhra Pradesh & one in Madhya Pradesh.

State	Indigenous Breed (Pure + Graded)	Indigenous Non Descript cattle	Total Indigenous Cattle
Andaman Nicobar	0	29512	29512
AP	807536	6390954	7198490
Arunachal Pradesh	0	440532	440532
Assam	0	9911702	9911702
Bihar	1917349	6839051	8756400
Chandigarh	44	1718	1762
CG	3241349	6395391	9636740
Dadra & NH	151	41019	41170
D&D	491	1469	1960
Goa	173	39777	39950
Gujarat	4584189	3473061	8057250
Haryana	496613	315397	812010
HP	45640	1119690	1165330
J&K	9067	1319573	1328640
Jharkhand	1041081	7432829	8473910
Karnataka	3819656	2784314	6603970
Kerala	8080	68970	77050
Lakshadweep	0	2257	2257
MP	2438191	16323199	18761390
Maharashtra	2296331	9536999	11833330
Manipur	0	219536	219536
Meghalaya	1013	859737	860750
Mizoram	0	23277	23277
Nagaland	0	106022	106022
Delhi	16251	9199	25450
Odisha	1429566	8885934	10315500
Puduchery	407	2043	2450
Punjab	251488	111602	363090
Rajasthan	4871198	6718192	11589390
Sikkim	11256	2694	13950
TN	394584	2064966	2459550
Tripura	0	815687	815687
UP	7713780	8264270	15978050
UK	104153	1404307	1508460
WB	2419637	11298183	13717820
Total	37919274	113253063	151172337

Number of indigenous breeds of cows across the country including Rajasthan, State-wise

As per breed survey report, 2013