

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES

LOK SABHA
QUESTION NO.3539
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8TH AUGUST, 2017

DECLINE IN INDIGENOUS BREEDS OF CATTLE

3539. SHRI KIRTI AZAD

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

- (a) whether there is a considerable decline in the number of indigenous breeds of cattle, buffaloes, goats, sheep, pigs, horses, camels and fowls that adapt themselves to the environment and food and do not get affected with diseases and tiredness and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to chalk out a scheme to safeguard and conserve the said indigenous breeds; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) As per 19th Livestock Census -2012, the population of indigenous cattle, goats, sheep, pigs, camels and fowls have declined whereas the population of buffalo and horses have increased in comparison with Livestock Census-2007. The details in this regard is given at **Annexure-1**.

(b) and (c) Since the year 2014-15, the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries is implementing National Livestock Mission(NLM) under which there is a scheme, "Conservation of Livestock Breeds" for conservation of indigenous threatened breeds of Livestock. Under this component, the States are funded for conservation of those breeds whose numbers goes below 10,000 and poultry breeds which goes below 1000. The States are also encouraged to undertake a structured programme for identification and registration of new breeds. The another scheme namely National Programme For Bovine Breeding and Dairy Development launched by Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries also focuses, among other things, on development and conservation of indigenous breeds of bovine.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO PARA (A) OF THE PARLIAMENT UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3539

Population of indigenous animals per Livestock Census (in thousand)			
Category	2007	2012	Increase/decrease(%)
Indigenous cattle	166015	151172	-8.94
Buffaloes	105342	108702	3.19
Goat	140537	135173	-3.82
Indigenous Sheep	67828	61288	-9.64
Camel	517	400	-22.63
Horses& Ponies	612	625	2.12
Pigs	8744	7837	-10.37
Fowls	198821	163840	-17.59