

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.538  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2018

**UNIQUE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER SEQUENCES FOR COWS**

538. SHRIMATI K. MARAGATHAM:  
SHRI VENKATESH BABU T.G.:

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

- (a) whether it is true that the Government proposes to issue Unique Identification Number Sequences for cows and their progeny to protect them from cattle smuggling, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is also true that this may be made mandatory for all cows and their progeny throughout the country;
- (c) whether it is also true that this is being done as per the recommendation of a committee;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which this proposal is likely to be implemented in the country?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE**

**(SHRIMATI KRISHNA RAJ)**

(a)to(e): No, Sir. However, Government of India is undertaking identification of only in-milk cattle and buffaloes, using 12 digit unique identification number for the purpose of scientific breeding of animals, control of spread of diseases, increasing trade of milk & milk products. This is being implemented under the “*Pashu Sanjivni*” component of the scheme National Mission on Bovine Productivity and same will be completed by March 2019.

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