GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & DAIRYING LOK SABHA ADMITTED UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1060 TO BE ANSWERED ON 13THDECEMBER, 2022

ANIMAL CENSUS

1060. SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJI KUNDARIYA

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालनऔरडेयरीमंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any action planto maintain the ecology of animal census; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, thereasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) to (b): The Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying conducts Livestock Census in every five-year interval in participation with all States and Union Territories for complete head count of livestock and poultry species present in the country. So far 20 Livestock Censuses have been conducted and the last was conducted in 2018-19. It covers 184 breeds of total 16 animal species like Cattle, Buffalo, Mithun, Yak, Sheep, Goat, Pig, Horse, Pony, Mule, Donkey Camel, Dog, Rabbit and Elephant and poultry birds (Fowl, Duck, Turkeys and other poultry birds) possessed by the households, household enterprises/nonhousehold enterprises and institutions at their site. The livestock population of major species as per 20th Livestock Census and its percentage change over previous census is given in Annexure-I.

The Department is also initiating the next Livestock Census scheduled for 2024.

Annexure-I

Livestock Population of major species as per 20 th Livestock Census (2019) alongwith its percentage change over previous census		
Species	Population (In million)	% Change*
Cattle	193.46	1.34
Buffalo	109.85	1.06
Sheep	74.26	14.13
Goat	148.88	10.14
Pig	9.06	-12.03
Other livestock*	10.30	-15.64
Total Livestock	536.76	4.82
Total Poultry	851.81	16.8

^{*}includes Mithun, Yak, Horses & Ponies, Mule, Donkey&Camel