GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 3211 TO BE ANSWERED ON 8th AUGUST, 2023

PASTORALIST POPULATION

3211. SHRI BRIJENDRA SINGH:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any statistical data on the pastoralist population in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has any welfare schemes for the pastoralist population, which contribute to about three percent of India's GDP; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

- (a) and (b): Till now there is no official data on the pastoralist population in the country as yet no census have taken place.
- (c) and (d): As such there is no specific schemes under implementation for pastoralist population. However, many components of schemes implemented by Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying viz. National Livestock Mission, Livestock Health and Disease Control Programme, Rashtriya Gokul Mission etc. are applicable for pastoralist community. An advisory has also been sent to all the States and Union Territories regarding the applicability of the above Scheme for pastoralist community.
