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MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1520
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11TH FEBRUARY, 2020

DECLINING POPULATION OF INDIGENOUS CATTLE

1520. MS. PRATIMA BHOUMIK:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the population of indigenous cattle has been declining gradually for the last several years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the concrete steps taken by the Government to increase the population of high and quality milk yielding indigenous bovine?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
(DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) & (b) As per 20th Livestock Census 2019, the population of total indigenous/non-descript cattle has declined by 6% from 151.17 million in 2012 to 142.11 million in 2019 whereas the decline of the population was about 9% during the census period 2007-12. The reason for declining the total indigenous/non-descript cattle population is due to the decline in the population of male indigenous/non-descript cattle population from 61.95 million in 2012 to 43.94 million in 2019. However, the total female indigenous/non-descript cattle population has increased by 10% from 89.22 million in 2012 to 98.17 million in 2019.

(c) In order to complement and supplement the efforts made by the States and Union Territories to increase population of indigenous breeds, Government of India is implementing Rashtriya Gokul Mission with the aim of development and conservation of indigenous bovine breeds including high milk yielding indigenous bovines. The various steps taken by the Government under Rashtriya Gokul Mission are as follows-

1. Nationwide Artificial Insemination programme
2. Krishi Kalyan Abhiyan
3. Establishment/strengthening of Embryo Transfer and In-Vitro Fertilization centres
4. National Bovine Genomic Centre for Indigenous Breeds (NBGC-IB)
5. Establishment of Facility for Sex Sorted Semen Production
6. Gokul Gram
7. National Kamdhenu Breeding Centre
8. PashuSanjivni
9. National Gopal Ratna and Kamdhenu Awards
