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DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & DAIRYING  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5498  
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**LIVESTOCK CENSUS**

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

- (a) the time by which the last livestock census was done in the country along with its significant findings;
- (b) the number of species of animals which are on the verge of extinction; and
- (c) the other significant findings, if any?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING**

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**(a)to(c):** Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying has conducted the latest i.e., 20th Livestock Census in 2019 in participation with all States and Union Territories. It covers all domesticated animals and its headcounts for total 16 species of animals 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/non-household enterprises and institutions at their site. Moreover, the 20th livestock census is indeed a unique attempt as for the first-time data collected in using tablets computer to digitise household level data through online transmission from the field. Some of the significant findings of the 20th Livestock Census is summarised as under:

- The total Livestock population is 536.76 million in the country showing an increase of 4.8% over Livestock Census-2012. The total Livestock population in rural and urban area is 514.11 million and 22.65 million respectively with percentage share of 95.78% for rural and 4.22% for urban area.
- Total Bovine population (Cattle, Buffalo, Mithun and Yak) is 303.76 million in 2019 which shows an increase of 1.3% over the previous census.
- The total number of Cattle in the country is 193.46 million in 2019 showing an increase of 1.3 % over previous Census.
- The Exotic/Crossbred and Indigenous/Non-descript Cattle population in the country is 51.36 million and 142.11 million respectively.
- The Indigenous/Non-descript Female Cattle population has increased by 10% in 2019 as compared to previous census.

- The population of the total Exotic/Crossbred Cattle has increased by 29.3% in 2019 as compared to previous census.
- There is a decline of 6% in the total Indigenous (both descript and non-descript) Cattle population over the previous census. However, the pace of decline of Indigenous Cattle population during 2012-2019 is much lesser as compared to 2007-12 which was about 9%.
- The total Buffalo in the country is 109.85 million showing an increase of about 1.1% over previous Census.
- The total Milch Animals (in-milk and dry) in Cows and Buffalo is 125.75 million, an increase of 6.0 % over the previous census.
- The total Sheep in the country is 74.26 million in 2019, increased by 14.1% over previous Census.
- The Goat population in the country in 2019 is 148.89 million showing an increase of 10.1% over the previous census.
- The total Pigs in the country is 9.06 million in the current Census, declined by 12.03% over the previous Census.
- The total Mithun and Yak in the country is 3.9 lakh and 58thousand in 2019, increased by 29.5% and 24.9% respectively over previous Census.
- The total Horses and Ponies in the country is 3.4 lakhs in 2019, decreased by 45.2% over previous Census.
- The total population of Mules and Donkeys in the country is 84thousand and 1.2 lakhs in 2019, decreased by 57.1% and 61.2% respectively over previous Census.
- The total Camel population in the country is 2.5 lakhs in 2019, decreased by 37.1% over previous Census.
- The total Poultry in the country is 851.81 million in 2019, increased by 16.8% over previous Census.
- The total Backyard Poultry in the country is 317.07 million in 2019, increased by 45.8% over previous Census.
- The total Commercial Poultry in the country is 534.74 million in 2019, increased by 4.5% over previous Census.
- Total number of Stray Cattle and Stray Dogs in 2019 is 50 lakhs and 153 lakhs respectively in the country.

Considering the number and past trends over last two decades, there is no livestock species which are on the verge of extinction. However, only Camel and Donkey population is showing declining trends over last four Livestock Censuses i.e., 17<sup>th</sup> (2003), 18<sup>th</sup> (2007), 19<sup>th</sup> (2012) and 20<sup>th</sup> (2019) Livestock Census.

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