

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING  
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING  
RAJYA SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1052  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2023**

**CENSUS OF DOMESTIC ANIMALS**

1052. **SHRI RAKESH SINHA:**

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

- (a) when was the last enumeration of domestic animals was carried out;
- (b) the total number of cows, buffalos, goats and sheep in the country;
- (c) whether it is a fact that many races of cows, buffalos and sheep are facing extinction;
- (d) the steps taken to save such races; and
- (e) whether Government is considering fresh enumeration of domestic animals?

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)**

(a) & (b): The Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying has conducted the last Livestock Census in 2019. The total number of cows, buffalos, goats and sheep in the country as per 20<sup>th</sup> Livestock Census is as under-

<b>Species</b>	<b>Population (In million)</b>
Cattle	193.46
Buffalo	109.85
Sheep	74.26
Goat	148.88
<b>Total Livestock</b>	<b>536.76</b>

(c) & (d): As per the Breed Watchlist-2022 prepared by NBAGR, ICAR based on Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) guidelines using the data of breed-wise report of 20<sup>th</sup> Livestock Census-2019; Tibetan sheep, Teressa goat and Malvi, Mewari and Mewati breeds of camel are under 'Critical' risk category. None of the breed of cattle, buffalo and sheep are in 'Critical' category, as per 20<sup>th</sup> Livestock Census.

ICAR-NBAGR, Karnal is cryopreserving the germplasm in form of semen and somatic cells of indigenous breeds of various livestock species in its National Gene Bank. At present, it has cryopreserved semen doses of 62 breeds/populations and somatic cells of 46 breeds/populations. The germplasm (somatic cells) of Teressa goat, Mewati and Mewari camel breeds under 'Critical' category has also been cryopreserved. Conservation Unit of Teressa Goat has also been established at ICAR-CIARI, Port Blair (A&N).

(e): The Department is planning to conduct the next Livestock Census during the year 2024.

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