

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2043  
ANSWERED ON:13.12.2004  
REDUCTION IN LIVESTOCK POPULATION  
Gandhi Shri Pradeep

**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the number of livestock is constantly reducing in the country;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has proposed to prepare an action plan for the conservation of some species of animals; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): No, Sir. The number of livestock is not constantly reducing in the country.

(b): Does not arise.

(c)&(d): A Centrally sponsored scheme "Conservation of threatened breeds of small ruminants, pigs, pack animals and equines" has been launched during Xth Plan. Pure breed animals whose number has gone below 10,000 can be covered under the scheme. The scheme provides 100% grants-in-aid to State Governments.

The Government of India is also implementing National Project on Cattle and Buffalo Breeding (NPCBB) from October 2000, which includes the objective of conservation and development of important indigenous breeds.