

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:207
ANSWERED ON:22.07.2014
SLAUGHTERING OF MILCH ANIMALS
Misra Shri Ajay (Teni);Rai Shri Nityanand

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that a number of milch animals including cow are reportedly being slaughtered illegally, and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the States which have imposed a complete ban on slaughtering of milch animals including cow and sale of beef in their States; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to address the issue?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 207
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(a) to (c) No information is available with this Department regarding illegal slaughter of milch animals including cows. As per Article 246 of the Constitution of India, preservation and protection of animals is a matter on which State legislatures have exclusive powers to legislate. Presently, 24 States and 5 Union Territories have legislations for imposing a complete ban/ prohibition/restriction on slaughter of animals including milch animals like cows (detailed at Annexure A and B); and some State legislations have also imposed a complete ban on sale of beef within the State. Government of India has imposed a complete ban on both export and import of beef.