

Live Stock Census

4888. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) when the last livestock census was undertaken in the country;
- (b) what is the population of cows, buffaloes, goats, sheep, and its progeny and other cattle in the country, State-wise;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the cattle population is decreasing rapidly, per one thousand citizens of India; and
- (d) if so, what is the number of cattle population per thousand in 1951, 1961, 1971, 1981 and 1991, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) The last livestock census was conducted in 1997. However, data by this census is not yet available as the census reports from a large number of States/UTs have not been received so far;

(b) Details indicating the total number of livestock are giving in the Annexure. [See Appendix 189, Annexure No. 122]

(c) At all India level cattle population against per one thousand human population is showing a decreasing trend.

(d) After independence livestock censuses were conducted during 1951, 1956, 1961, 1966, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987 and 1992. A statement indicating the cattle population during 1951, 1961, 1972, 1982 and 1992 against per thousand human population is given in the Annexure. [See Appendix 189, Annexure No. 122]

Prices of Foodgrains

4889. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether prices of agricultural commodities, pulses and foodgrains are increasing rapidly since 1st January, 1999;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any corrective steps have been taken in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) to (d) No, Sir. With the exception of