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## **Press Note on 20<sup>th</sup> Livestock Census**

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The Livestock Census has been conducted in the country periodically since 1919-20. The Livestock Census usually covers all domesticated animals and headcounts of those animals will be carried out during a specific time period. So far 19 such censuses have been conducted in participation with State Governments and UT Administrations.

The 20th Livestock Census will be conducted in all the districts of the Indian Union in participation with all States and Union Territories. The enumeration will be done in all villages and urban wards. Various species of animals (Cattle, Buffalo, Mithun, Yak, Sheep, Goat, Pig, Horse, Pony, Mule, Donkey Camel, Dog, Rabbit and Elephant)/poultry birds (Fowl, Duck, Emu, Turkeys, Quail and other poultry birds) possessed by the households, household enterprises/non-household enterprises and institutions will be counted at their site.

The initiatives on collection of breed-wise reliable information of various species will give vital information for determination of threatened indigenous breeds and to take initiatives accordingly for their conservation. Considering this aspect, the 20<sup>th</sup> Livestock Census would be a Breed-wise Livestock Census which will be helpful for framing policies or programmes for Breed improvement. Breed-wise information of livestock and poultry will be collected from every survey unit. The breeds of various major species including Poultry as registered by National Bureau of Animal Genetic Resources (NBAGR) will be covered in the Livestock Census.

Further, the latest data on Fishermen folk are available as per Livestock Census 2003 only. Therefore, the fishery part is very important component so as to capture the information of fishermen families and infrastructure available for both inland and marine sector.

The major thrust of 20<sup>th</sup> Livestock Census would be data collection through tablets computers which is aimed to fulfil the objective of Digital India Programme of Hon'ble Prime Minister. The tablets procured under NMBP Scheme will be used for data collection of 20<sup>th</sup> Livestock Census for which necessary support have been provided to States under that scheme. A mobile Application software has already been developed by National Informatics Centre (NIC) for collecting transferring the data online.

It is expected that the data collection through the Tablets will be of great help in reducing the time gap in data collection, data processing and report generation. States/UTs have been requested to start the census operations w.e.f 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2018. The success of this novel initiative is dependent on full cooperation and commitment from all States/UTs Governments.