

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2022
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 23RD DECEMBER, 2022

POLICY FOR REARING MANIPURI PONY

2022 .SHRI MAHARAJA SANAJAOBA LEISHEMBA:

Will the Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any Government Policy (State/Central) to encourage the rearing of Manipuri Pony, whose number has reduced below 1000 and to save it from extinction;
- (b) if not, whether the Ministry plans to formulate a policy to save the endangered Manipuri Pony species; and
- (c) if so, the details of broad framework of the policy?

ANSWER
THE MINISTER FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) to (c). Manipur Government has approved the Manipuri Pony Conservation and Development Policy, 2016 for Conservation and Development of Manipuri Ponies. Besides, ICAR-National Research Centre on Equines, Hissar is running a collaborative project entitled "Conservation of Manipuri Pony Breed" with Central Agricultural University, Imphal to encourage the rearing of Manipuri Pony in the region. The Broad frame work of the Manipuri Pony Conservation and Development Policy in 2016 is as below:

1. Constitution of Manipuri Pony Conservation and Development Board.
2. Breeding Strategy of the Breed.
3. Feeding Plan of Manipuri Pony.
4. Prevention and Control of Pony Diseases.
5. Development of Permanent Polo Ground and Race Courses.
6. Pony Based Employment Opportunities.
7. Incentives to Pony Keepers.
8. Organisation of Pony-related Events as Tourism Activities.
9. Establishment of a centre of NRC on Equine.
10. Inclusion of Pony related Literature in Text Books.

There are no plans to formulate a policy to save the endangered Manipuri Pony species in the Ministry, as there is already a state level policy on the subject..
