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I am happy to know that the Animal Resources Development Department is bringing out the report on the 18th Livestock Census conducted in West Bengal. This report is part of the All India Livestock Census Document.

I hope that the publication will benefit our planners, researchers and administrators.

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FOREWORD

The 18th All India Livestock Census covering poultry as well as agriculture implements, machinery and fishery statistics conducted in the state of West Bengal was completed in scheduled time by the Directorate of Animal Resources and Animal Health, Government of West Bengal, with 15th October 2007 as reference date.

This report has been prepared to be very effective with rural/urban as well as mouza/parawise elaborate breakups for each district. Moreover the introduction of a Geographical Information System (GIS) since last census year with digital mapping of livestock data at mouza, G.P., Block, Sub-Division (Rural) and District (Rural) level for rural areas and ward, Municipal area, Sub-Division (Urban) and District (Urban) level for urban area has added new dimension to the livestock census of our state.

In this connection I greatly appreciate the well coordinated team work of Dr. P. K. Bhattacharjee, Joint Director of Animal Husbandry (Statistics) as well as Additional State Livestock Census Officer, Shri T. R. Nath, Statistical Officer and Deputy State Livestock Census Officer, 18th Livestock Census, along with other Officers and Staff of the Animal Resources Development Department in making the 18th Livestock Census a successful one.

Like previous years this census report will be most utilized in formulating different welfare plans and schemes for the state as well as in various relevant research projects.

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