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**Poultry Development Policies and Planning for Higher Production in India**

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**Introduction: -**

Poultry is one of the fastest growing segments of the agricultural sector in India with an average growth rate of 8 to 10 per cent per year. Meanwhile India is Fastest growing economy in the world. The total Poultry in the country is 851.81 million in 2019, increasing by 16.8% over previous Census. India is now the world's third largest egg producer India produces around 5.8 million MT of Meat and 80 bn eggs annually and the fourth major producer of broilers. Backyard Poultry contributes around 317.07 million in 2019, increased by 45.8% over previous Census. Concurrently, backyard poultry sector is also one of the potent tools for subsidiary income generation for many landless/ marginal farmers and also provides nutritional security to the rural poor. The total Commercial Poultry in the country is 534.74 million in 2019, increased by 4.5% over previous Census. Among the livestock sector Poultry industry contributes about Rs. 125 lakh Cr accounting for about 1 per cent of the national GDP and about 14% of the Livestock GDP.

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