

The Government of India has accorded high priority for revitalization of agriculture sector by formulating different schemes to supplement the efforts of the States and by providing resources for the purpose. A key objective of the National Policy for farmers, 2007 is to improve the economic viability of farming through substantially improving net income of farmers. The major schemes under implementation include Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana, National Food Security Mission, National Horticulture Mission, Micro Irrigation Scheme, Watershed Development Programme, Integrated Nutrient Management and Integrated Pest Management and Macro Management of Agriculture. In addition to these major initiatives, adequate care has been taken to ensure decentralization and participation in decision making and in implementation of the Schemes/Programmes with a view to improving the condition of farmers

#### **Export of meat**

†4625. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the name of countries to which India exports meat alongwith the quantity thereof;
- (b) the animals whose meat is exported along with the weight of meat; and
- (c) the quantum of meat exported from the year, 2005 to January, 2010 animal-wise and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) to (c) Details of the species, quantity and value of India's exports, country-wise, for the period 2005-06 to 2009-10 (upto October, 2009) are given in Annexure (See Appendix 219 Annexure No. 27). Data is not available for the period from November, 2009 to January, 2010.

#### **Construction of cold storages**

†4626. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of cold storages in the country till December, 2008, State-wise;
- (b) the number of cold storages constructed in the country in the year 2009 after Government announced some relaxation to industrialists for the construction of cold storages and the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the plan of Government to promote construction of more and more cold storages in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) The State-wise number of cold storages in the country as on 31.12.2008 is given in Statement (See below).

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