

### Co-operation among BRIC nations

3862. SHRI N.K. SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the BRIC nations (Brazil, Russia, India and China) have recently agreed to extend their cooperation in agriculture to promote global food security;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government of India has urged BRIC nations to increase productivity in foodgrains and also to set up a working group of experts in farm research; and
- (d) if so, to what extent the BRIC nations have agreed to implement various decisions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS):  
(a) to (d) Agriculture Ministers of Brazil, Russia, India and China (BRIC), met in Moscow and agreed on broad contours of quadrilateral cooperation in agricultural sector with particular attention to family farming the development of which will not only help long term interests of the four States but contribute towards global food security. It was also agreed to set up a standing Expert Working Group for implementation of measures collectively agreed which, *inter alia*, include increasing production and agriculture research.

### Import of manure

†3863. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India is importing dung manure for agricultural use;
- (b) if so, the names of the countries from where it is being imported; and
- (c) the quantity of manure imported till date from the year 2005, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Details indicating country-wise and year-wise quantity of manure imported from the year 2005 onwards are given in the Statement.

### Statement

*India's Import of Manure (ITCHS : 31010091 (Animal Dung), 31010092 (Animal Excreta), 31010099 (Other) for 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09 and April 2009 to November 2009*

ITCHS	Country	2005-06 Qty. (KGs)	2006-07 Qty. (KGs)	2007-08 Qty. (KGs)	2008-09 Qty. (KGs)	Apr. 09 - Nov. 09 Qty. (KGs)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
31010091	China PRP	0	0	0	3200	0

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