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

[†]Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
31010092	Netherland	0	0	250	0	0
31010099	Unspecified	0	2880	2880	31	14000
31010099	South Africa	15000	7000	14500	15005	1000
31010099	Canada	96620	144148	99436	180872	87599
31010099	USA	79335	40185	108604	80100	18910
31010099	Mexico	0	0	1000	0	0
31010099	Australia	19150	37890	16581	27816	80300
31010099	China PRP	46404	147667	434220	711528	595643
31010099	Japan	0	60	6423	4140	0
31010099	Korea RP	0	0	1670	5430	2711
31010099	Malaysia	0	0	0	7425	0
31010099	Singapore	0	0	100	0	0
31010099	Thailand	750	2600	222	954	428
31010099	U Arab Emts	0	0	0	48000	0
31010099	Taiwan	200	138	0	0	0
31010099	Austria	0	0	76000	171000	98649
31010099	Belgium	147000	84000	105000	0	0
31010099	France	3900	0	0	0	0
31010099	Germany	14288	78000	21840	174	0
31010099	Ireland	0	0	0	3360	5040
31010099	Italy	21160	91512	123800	143700	256084
31010099	Spain	2000	800	3547	1421	0
31010099	UK	0	0	5000	2256	0
31010099	Iceland	0	1000	10000	10000	0
31010099	Norway	41900	40000	51000	85000	75000
	TOTAL	487707	677880	1082073	1501412	1235364

^{*}The figures for the period upto 2008-09 are finalised whereas those of April 09 to Nov. 09 are provisional

 $Source: \hbox{Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics,} Kolkata.$