

- (a) how many cows and their progenies have been exported from India during last five years ended on November, 2011;
- (b) the name of the countries where cows and their progeny are being exported; and
- (c) the reasons and purpose for the export of live cows to foreign countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHARAN DAS MAHANT): (a) As per information received from Directorate General of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, no cows and their progenies were exported during the last 5 years.

- (b) to (c) does not arise in view of (a) above.

Bangalore-Kanakapura-Chamarajanagar railway project

2324. DR. VIJAY MALLYA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the work on the railway project connecting Bangalore-Kanakapura-Chamarajanagar, sanctioned by the Railway Board in 2007, has not yet started;
- (b) whether in view of the economic viability of the project connecting industrial area of Harohalli industrial area with Bengaluru, the project would be taken up for implementation at the earliest; and
- (c) if so, when and would a time-frame be drawn up for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) In compliance of the orders of Central Empowered Committee constituted under Hon'ble Supreme Court, work on Bangalore-Chamarajanagar-Satyamangalam new line project is held up.

- (b) and (c) Proposal for taking up work on non-forest area of Bangalore-Chamarajanagar section *via* Harohalli is under consideration.

Assistance to CSO by India Post to collect data

2325. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India Post is helping the Central Statistical Organisation (CSO) to collect data for the Consumer Price Index in online portal system and it will help CSO improve response significantly;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether CSO also aims at using India Post's online portal system to collect industrial output data; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Price data are collected from selected 1181 villages by the Department of Posts for compilation of the monthly Consumer Price Index (Rural) and data are received through the web portal. Monthly all India provisional indices are based on price data of more than 90 % of the total selected villages.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

SHORT NOTICE QUESTION

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Short Notice Question No.3, Shri Parshottam Khodabhai Rupala ...*(Interruptions)*... Is he present? ...*(Interruptions)*... He is not present. ...*(Interruptions)*...

Does anybody want to ask supplementary on this?...*(Interruptions)*... Anybody wants to ask...*(Interruptions)*... Nobody ...*(Interruptions)*...

Uniformity in growth of Agriculture Sector among States

3. SHRI PARSHOTTAM KHODABHAI RUPALA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the steps taken or going to be taken by Central Government for uniformity in growth of agriculture sector within States as there is huge imbalance in agriculture growth among States which need to be addressed urgently to enhance our total agricultural growth and for socio-economic development of our society?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Growth of agriculture sector depends on a number of factors including natural resource endowments of land, soil, water, climate and biodiversity; investment and infrastructural development; and effective and efficient use of various resources.

Agriculture recorded an average rate of growth of 3.4 per cent per year during the Eleventh Plan. During this period, the average rate of growth of agriculture and allied sector in Madhya Pradesh (7.6%), Chhattisgarh (7.6%), Rajasthan (7.4%),