

Meat export policy

2740. SHRI RONALD SAPA TLAU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India is world's biggest meat exporter, if so, details thereof;
- (b) how much economic ramification does new Government policy on cattle slaughter has;
- (c) how much is meat processing industry worth today in Indian economy;
- (d) steps taken by Government to preserve national integration while not hurting sentiments and livelihood of those involved in meat processing industry and assuring individual rights to minorities and in not imposing religious belief on certain communities; and
- (e) whether there has been an increase to the tune of 53 lakh stray cattle in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) As per new Foreign Trade Policy of the Government, no incentive is granted for the export of meat.

(c) As per Ministry of Food Processing Industries data, the meat processing industry worth around US\$ 5,026.00 million.

(d) As per the Foreign Trade Policy, export of boneless buffalo meat is allowed. However, export of beef is prohibited and is not permitted to be exported. Further, as per the distribution of legislative powers between Union of India and States, under Article 246(3) of the Constitution, preservation of cattle is the matter on which the State legislatures have the exclusive powers to legislate.

(e) The total no. of cattle in the country were 190.90 million as per 2012 Livestock Census (19th). There is no data available with regard to stray cattle.

Expenditure on import of pulses and onion

2741. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has imported pulses and onion into the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the names of the countries from which these food items have been imported;