Source: As per information received from the States

Heavy demand for Vechur breed cattle in foreign countries

1857. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a heavy demand for Indian cattle including Vechur breed of Kerala, in foreign countries; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof, breed-wise and the action taken by Government to improve export of these cattle to other countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING (SHRI SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN): (a) and (b) The import and export of live animals is covered under the Exim Policy of Government of

India. As per the Exim policy, license is required from the Director General Foreign Trade (DGFT) for export of live animals. The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying provides comments to DGFT after receipt of such proposal. However, no such proposal has been received from DGFT or from any foreign country for export of Indian cattle, including Vechur breed of Kerala during the last three years.

Livelihood through fish production

†1858. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of fishermen earning their livelihood through fish production in the country at present; and
- (b) the details of the targets set by Government to double the income of these fishermen?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING (SHRI PRATAP CHANDRA SARANGI): (a) The fisheries sector at present provides livelihood to a total of 16,09,69,75 fishers and fish farmers at the primary level and almost twice the number along the value chain.

(b) The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying under its schemes/programmes by supplementing the efforts of States/Union Territories envisages the doubling of income of fishers, fish farmers and fish workers by enhancing fish production to 20 million metric tonnes (MMT) by 2024-25, increasing the exports of fisheries products to ₹ 1,00,000 crore, reducing the post-harvest losses up to 10% and to increasing the average productivity to 5 tonne per hectare.

Package for supporting the Traditional sea-going and traditional inland fisherfolk

1859. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

- whether any package for supporting the traditional sea-going and traditional inland fisherfolk is under consideration;
 - if so, the details thereof; and

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