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(b) if so, whether Government have assessed the total losses in terms of meat, milk and other animal products during the last two years;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government have any agenda for increasing the cattle population in Orissa; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Industrial status to agricultural sector

158. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to give industrial status to the agricultural sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) The Government seeks to bestow on the agriculture sector in as many respects as possible benefits similar to those obtaining in the manufacturing sector, such as easy availability of credit and other inputs and infrastructure facilities for development of agribusiness industries and development of effective delivery system and freeing movement of agro-produce.

Co-operative societies in Arunachal Pradesh

159. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of co-operative societies functioning at present in Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) the details of financial assistance provided by Government to them during the last three years; and

(c) the details of items, alongwith their quantities, distributed in the State

during that period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) 307 co-operative societies functioning at present in Arunachal Pradesh as reported by the State Government.

(b) The National Co-operative Development Corporation (NCDC) has released financial assistance of Rs.13.90 Lakh, Rs.24.45 lakh and Rs.258.15 lakh during the years 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 respectively to the State of Arunachal Pradesh under the activities for marketing, storage, Integrated Co-operative Development Projects (ICDP) and weaker sections for tribal and handlooms. Likewise the State Government has also provided financial assistance as given in statement -I (see below)

(c) The information is given at statement-II

Statement-I

Details of financial assistance provided by the Government to the Cooperative Societies during last three years are as follows:—
(Rs. in Lakhs)

S. No.	Type of Assistance	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001
1.	Share capital participation	14.00	-	-
2.	Working capital loan	35.50	86.00	24.20
3.	Subsidy to Primary Co-operative Societies	9.43	8.25	49.00
4.	Subsidy to Arunachal Pradesh Cooperative Union	10.00	11.00	15.00
5.	Interest subsidy to Arunachal Pradesh State Co-operative Apex Bank Ltd.	17.99	12.00	15.00
6.	Managerial subsidy to Primary Co-operative Societies		15.00	15.00
Total		86.92	132.25	118.20

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Statement-II

No items have been distributed through Cooperative Societies in the State during this period except disbursement of term and IRDP/SGSY loan to farmers and others as per details below:—

(Rs. in Lakhs)			
S.No. Type of Loan	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001
1. Short term loan	659.60	563.14	520.77
2. Medium term loan	72.50	-	345.20
3. IRDP/SGSY loans	49.87	30.72	6.93
TOTAL	781.97	593.86	872.90

Incentives to farmers

160. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a). whether Government propose to announce any incentives to agricultural farmers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) The Government through its programmes and schemes provides incentives to agricultural farmers in the country with the objective to enhance production, productivity, income and employment in agriculture sector from time to time.

Poultry Organisations in Andhra Pradesh

161. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that none of the Central Poultry Development