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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