

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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ENCOURAGEMENT OF SHEEP AND GOAT REARERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any schemes to encourage sheep and goat rears in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the quantum of meat exported to Gulf and African countries during each of the last three years; and
- (d) the incentives proposed to be provided to sheep rearers as well as exporters?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA):

(a) and (b) Presently there is no Centrally Sponsored Scheme in the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries to encourage sheep and goat rearers in the country. However, a Central Sheep Breeding Farm located at Hissar, District Hissar (Haryana) is engaged in the supply of high quality rams and bucks for sheep and goat development.

(c) The information is given in enclosed statement.

(d) Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) under the Ministry of Commerce and Industries has been operating various schemes under which financial assistance is provided to the exporters for creation of infrastructure, implementation of international quality systems such as Hazard Assessment and Critical Control Point (HACCP), ISO-9000 etc. setting up of in-house quality control laboratories, conducting surveys and feasibility studies, market development and packaging development etc. Central Wool Development Board (CWDB) under the Ministry of Textiles also has some programmes for the benefit of shepherds.