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Title:Requests the Central Government to take steps to set up cold storage facilities for the poultry forms in the Namakkal district in Tamil Nadu.

DR. V. SAROJA (RASIPURAM): Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for allowing me to raise an important issue in this august House. In and around the newly-formed Namakkal district headquarters, nearly ninety to ninety-five lakhs of eggs are being produced. Nearly 15,000 poultry forms are situated there. Three to five lakh rural labourers are engaged through these poultry farms and other ancillary industries. In this regard, I urge upon the Government immediately to set up cold storage facilities not only to cater to the needs of India but also to help the export business. Pre-cooling facilities should also be incorporated for which land is available within the Veterinary College campus in the Namakkal district. I urge upon the Government to take immediate steps.