

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1074
ANSWERED ON:01.03.2000
NON-AVAILABILITY OF MILK TO CHILDREN
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether an organisation named `Initiative` has submitted a report to the Government after conducting a study highlighting that milk is not available to 53% children in the country;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) the remedial measure being taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (d) the largest milk-producing country in the world at present?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (c): The organisation named `Initiative` has submitted a study report to the Government, but there is no mention that milk is not available to 53% children in the country. However, it is stated in the report that 53% of Indian children under 5 are malnourished, in an age group where milk is a vital input for food and nutrition. India is the largest milk producing country.