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LOK SABHA**

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MILKING PROCESS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether milking process in India is not totally germ free;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof; and
- (c) the corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken to procure germ free milk from cattles?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) & (b): The dairy farming in the country is done largely by small and marginal farmers and landless labourers who own one or two milch animals only. The farmers follow traditional practices which entail manual handling during milking.

(c): To overcome the problem of hygienic and sanitation, while milking, the milk unions/ federations of various states have under taken training and education n the production of clean milk by adopting the following measures:-

- i) milk the animals in neat and clean environment.
- ii) pre milking routine such as washing of cows, feeding concentrates, bringing in milk pails be done at regular intervals.
- iii) wash the udders and teats with mild antiseptic solutions and dry before milking.
- iv) wipe the teats and udder with a detergent dipped cloths after each milking.
- v) wash the hands with antiseptic solution before each milking by the milkers.
- vi) to keep sick milch animals in a separate stable to avoid infection to other milch animals.
- vii) use of clean utensils