

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA**

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AGRO-FOOD PROCESSING MILK SECTOR UNDER TIFAC  
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**Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Agro-Food Processing Milk Sector has made steady progress under the Technology Information Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC) in the Southern States of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government have expressed their concern over the poor performance of Agro-Food Processing Milk Sector in the country;
- (d) whether certain amount is allocated to the States to ensure the facilitation of technology assessment in this regard;
- (e) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (f) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure the success of the technology under TIFAC?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

- (a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Technology Information Forecasting and Assessment Council has signed an agreement with Karnataka Kolar Milk Union and Karnataka Cooperative Milk Producers Union on the project titled 'Improvement in Milk Quality and Yield by Establishing Modern Dairy Farming at Kolar', with a project cost of Rs. 2.16 crores and TIFAC has also signed an agreement with the Andhra Pradesh Dairy Development Cooperative Federation Limited on the project titled 'Pilot Project For Clean Milk Production in Andhra Pradesh', with a project cost of Rs. 2.09 crores. The duration of both the projects is one year and the budgetary support of TIFAC is Rs. 1.00 crore in each case.
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) & (e) No, Sir. Funds are allocated to specific projects only and no funds are being allocated to State Governments.
- (f) Under Technology Vision-2020 Projects, TIFAC is monitoring the progress through sector related panels in the four sub-sectors, namely, Milk, Fruit & Vegetables, Cereals and Fish to ensure the success of the technology. The Government is committed to supporting TIFAC to ensure the success of its projects.