

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3015
ANSWERED ON:22.12.2003
FUNCTIONING OF NDDDB AND MOTHER DAIRY
ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Dairy Development Board (NDDDB) had imported 10,000 MT milk powder to meet milk shortage in Delhi;
- (b) if so, whether the Ministry of Agriculture had verified that the NDDDB and Mother Dairy did not keep adequate stocks of milk powder to meet the shortage of milk for past few months and also deliberately refusing to buy milk powder from the Gujarat Co-operative Milk Marketing Federation during the said period;
- (c) whether the Union Government proposes to conduct any inquiry into the functioning of NDDDB and Mother Dairy as reported in `The Hindu` dated October 10, 2003; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a): Yes, Sir. NDDDB has placed order for import of about 9460 MT milk powder under Tariff Rate Quota to augment domestic supplies after receiving request from some of the state dairy federations, Mother Dairy and Delhi Milk Scheme.
- (b): On the basis of information received both from NDDDB and Mother Dairy, the supply of liquid milk by Mother Dairy during the past one year had remained as per demand barring a few days in the 2nd fortnight of August 2003. Mother Dairy and NDDDB had placed order during August 2003 with Gujarat Co-operative Milk Marketing Federation for supply of 2000 MT & 3000 MT milk powder respectively during September 2003. Against these orders, GCMMF had supplied 1850 MT to Mother Dairy & about 1825 MT to NDDDB till November, 2003.
- (c): No, Sir.
- (d): Does not arise.