

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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ASSISTANCE TO LOSS MAKING DAIRYING UNITS /FEDERATIONS  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Dairy Cooperative Unions/Federations owned/run by the farmers and also by the Government have accumulated losses during the last few years;
- (b) if so, whether the Union Government have provided assistance to such loss making dairying units/federations to offset the losses during the Ninth Five Year Plan;
- (c) if so, whether the results are now visible about the viability of these loss making cooperatives/federations after sharing of rehabilitation cost under 50:50 basis; and
- (d) the schemes or plan chalked out by the Government for the Tenth Five Year Plan for viability and revival of all these cooperatives/federations?

**Answer**

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

- (a) Yes, Sir. Some of the Dairy Cooperative Unions/ Federations have accumulated losses over the year.
- (b) The Government of India launched a scheme, namely, 'Assistance to Cooperatives' in January, 2000 for rehabilitation of the loss making Milk Unions/Federations with a funding pattern of 50:50 sharing basis between Government of India and the concerned State Government. During last three years of 9th Five Year Plan, Government of India released Rs. 35.00 crores as Central share under this Scheme.
- (c) There are signs of rehabilitation in respect of some of these loss making unions.
- (d) The scheme is being continued in the 10th Five Year Plan with a total outlay of Rs. 140.00 crore.