

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:289
ANSWERED ON:16.08.2004
PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION IN DAIRY INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has initiated private sector participation in dairy industries;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the private sector thereto;
- (c) the steps taken to promote dairy industries in different States; and
- (d) the target set therefor during the Tenth Five Year Plan?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.289 TO BE ANSWERED ON 16th AUGUST, 2004.

(a): The dairy industry was de-licensed in 1991. Thereafter, Government of India promulgated Milk and Milk Products Order (MMPO), 1992 in June, 1992 under the provisions of Essential Commodities Act, 1954, to ensure orderly growth of dairy industry. The Order requires any person/dairy plant handling in excess of 10,000 litres of milk per day or 500 MT of milk solids per annum to be registered under the said order. There is no restriction on any private entrepreneur to set up dairy industry and they only need to obtain a registration under the MMPO.

(b): Under the Order, altogether 395 dairy units in private sector with a capacity 385.70 lakh litres per day have been registered up to March, 2004.

(c): Apart from efforts of the State Governments and other related agencies, the Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying is implementing the following Plan Schemes for promotion of Dairy Industry in the country:

1. Integrated Dairy Development Project (IDDP) in Non Operation Flood, Hilly & Backward Areas.
2. Assistance to Co-operatives for rehabilitation of sick dairy co-operative Milk Unions.
3. Strengthening Infrastructure for Quality and Clean Milk Production.
4. National Project for Cattle and Buffalo Breeding.
5. Assistance provided by National Dairy Development Board under its Perspective Plan 2010.

(d): The 10th Plan document envisages an annual growth rate of 6% in milk production and milk production in 2006-07 is projected to reach 108.40 Million Tones.