

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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FUNDS TO METRO DAIRY KOLKATA BY NDDDB  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the funds given as grant/loan by National Dairy Development Board (NDDDB) to the Metro Dairy Kolkata;
- (b) the reasons for sale of 10 per cent shares of Metro Dairy to the ICICI Bank;
- (c) the procedure adopted by NDDDB in this regard;
- (d) whether NDDDB offers its shares to a co-operative dairy other than West Bengal Dairy Federation and the ICICI; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): The funds released to Metro Dairy Kolkata are as under:-

Loan:- Rs.33.86 crores  
Grant:- Rs.14.48 crores

(b): Metro Dairy Kolkata was a Joint Venture Company formed between West Bengal Milk Federation, NDDDB and Keventer Agro Ltd – a private company. NDDDB felt that in the liberalized environment, the arrangement made in Metro Dairy would be treated as a precedent by other State Dairy Federations to form Joint Venture with private companies to seek financial assistance from NDDDB. It was therefore decided to sell the share of NDDDB in the Metro Dairy.

(c)to(e): NDDDB sold its share to a financial institution in accordance with the provisions of the share holders' agreement.