

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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DAIRY COOPERATIVES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government provides funds to the Dairy Cooperatives for strengthening their infrastructure;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the names of the agencies involved in providing funds to the Dairy Cooperatives;
- (c) whether the existing guidelines stipulate that assistance could be provided only to the dairy Cooperatives affiliated to regional union;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefore;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to change the existing guidelines to include traditional milk societies not affiliated to the regional union for receiving the said assistance; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a)&(b) The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries is implementing two schemes namely, Intensive Dairy Development Programme (IDDP), Strengthening Infrastructure for Quality and Clean Milk Production (SIQCMP), to strengthen the infrastructure of Dairy Cooperatives.

Under IDDP Scheme, 100% grants-in-aid is provided directly to the district cooperative milk unions state cooperative milk federations in non-operation flood, hilly and backward areas and also to those districts which received less than Rs. 50 lakh investment during Operation Flood Programme. Funds are provided for promotion of milk processing, marketing and milk procurement infrastructure.

Under SIQCMP Scheme, 100% grant-in-aid is provided through the State Government to the district cooperative milk unions/ state cooperative milk federations for strengthening of existing laboratory facilities and supply of stainless steel utensils to the farmers. 75% grant is also provided for setting up of bulk milk cooling facilities at village level.

(c)&(d) As per the approved guidelines, assistance under the above schemes is provided to the Dairy Cooperative Societies affiliated to districts milk unions/state milk federation, so that the scheme can be implemented under the expert supervision of professionals in the above agencies/state governments.

(e)&(f) This Department has recently awarded evaluation and impact study of SIQCMP scheme to the Centre for Management Development, Thiruvananthapuram and IDDP Scheme to the Institute for Human Development, New. Delhi to assess the need for changing the existing guidelines of the scheme.