

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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USE OF NATURAL VANILLA IN MILK PRODUCTS  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a): whether the major manufactures of ice cream and other milk products are using natural vanilla in place of synthetic vanilla;
- (b): if so, the details thereof alongwith the total quantum of natural vanilla procured by the said manufactures; and
- (c): the benefits likely to accrue to the vanilla farmers due to such procurement alongwith the price paid for vanilla procurement during each of the last three years and the current year?

**Answer**

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

(a)to(b):Yes,Sir.Mis Mother dairy is using 240 Kg of natural cured vanilla beans (in extract form of 1 % strength) per year and Mls Amul dairy is using around 20 tonnes of cured vanilla beans (in extract form of 5% strength) per year for ice cream manufacturing.

(c): The vanilla farmers are getting a better price this year. The price of green vanilla beans at present is Rs. 125/Kg compared to Rs. 50/Kg of last year.

The average FOB (free on board) price of dry vanilla beans has come down from Rs. 1703.89/Kg in 2005-06 to Rs. 887.50/Kg in 2007-08. However, in 2008-09 the average FOB price has increased to Rs. 913.84/Kg. The average FOB price of vanilla during the last three ears and current year is given below:

Year Average FOB prices (Rs/Kg)

2005-06 1703.89

2006-07 1596.40

2007-08 887.50

2008-09 913.84

(Apr-Oct)

Government has approved a price support scheme for clearing the stock of cured vanilla beans in the hands of farmers. As per the scheme, cured vanilla beans will be procured from the farmers at a price of Rs. 450/Kg.