

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3044  
ANSWERED ON:08.12.2009  
MILK PRODUCERS  
Alagiri Shri S.

**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the milk producers in the country are small land holders;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to assist such milk producers to achieve higher milk production?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
(PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a)&(b) Yes Madam. About 70% of the cattle & Buffalo owners in the country are landless labourers and small and marginal farmers. As per the National Sample Survey Report, 2003, percentage of cattle & buffalo owned by landless labourers and small and marginal farmers is 0.6 , 21.16 and 51.34 respectively.

(c) Government of India is implementing various schemes like Intensive Dairy Development Programme (IDDP), Strengthening infrastructure for Quality & Clean Milk Production (CMP), Dairy Venture Capital Fund, Assistance to Cooperatives, National Project for Cattle & Buffalo Breeding, Feed and Fodder Development Scheme and Livestock Health & Disease Control scheme to help them achieve higher milk production.