

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SCARCITY OF MILK

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether shortfall and export of milk and milk products has led to the increase in the prices of such products in the country;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) Whether the Government has banned export of milk product and withdrawn incentives provided on export of milk product including casein to ensure availability of milk in the country;
- (d) If so, the details thereof; and
- (e) The details of funds allocated under Eleventh Five Year Plan for dairy development and the steps taken by the Government to increase the population of milch cattle in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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(a)&(b): The increase in prices of milk and milk products are attributed to:

- i. Increase in cost of milk production due to increase in prices of cattle feed ingredients in last one year.
- ii. Deficit rainfall in many milk producing States during 2009
- iii. Higher consumption of milk in rural areas due to increase in disposable income of rural population as a result of implementation of income and employment generation schemes leading to reduction in marketable surplus.
- iv. Diversion of substantial quantity of milk for manufacture of casein and its export.

(c) & (d) The Government has not banned the export of milk & milk products. Export incentive on milk and milk products has been withdrawn from 27-08-2009 under Vishesh Krishi Gram Udyog Yojna (VKGUY) scheme to augment the availability of liquid milk in domestic market.

(e) Budget allocation during Eleventh Five Year Plan for dairy development is Rs. 575.00 crore.

To increase population of milch animals and their productivity, Government is implementing a centrally sponsored scheme 'National Project for Cattle and Buffalo Breeding' since October 2000 on 100% grant-in -aid basis for genetic up-gradation of bovine population on priority basis.