

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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AVAILABILITY OF MILK

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

- (a) whether concerns have been expressed over the declining availability and production of milk in the country; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the recent announcement regarding likely shortage of milk has led to sharp rise in the prices of milk;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor alongwith the remedial steps taken in this regard;
- (e) whether the Government has/is formulating any scheme to increase the availability and production of milk in the country;
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the time by which such a scheme is likely to be implemented; and
- (g) the funds earmarked and utilized for enhancing milk production in the country during the last three years, State-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
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(a)&(b) No, Madam.

(c) & (d) The increase in prices of milk are mainly attributed to:

1. Increase in cost of milk production due to increase in prices of cattle feed ingredients in last one year.
2. Deficit rainfall in many milk producing States during 2009.
3. 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.
4. Export of casein manufactured from milk.

Following steps were taken to augment the availability of liquid milk and stabilize prices of milk and milk products in the domestic market:

1. Withdrawal of export incentives on milk and milk products and buffalo meat and reduction of export incentives on oil cake/meal under Vishesh Krishi Gram Udyog Yojna (VKGUY) scheme.
2. Issued Sanitary Import Permits (SIP) for import of Butter oil.
3. Reduced custom duty on Anhydrous Milk Fat (AMF) from 40% to 30 as in the case of butter/Butter oil,
4. Issued permission for import of Skimmed Milk Powder(SMP) under TRQ (5%) for 2009-10 and 2010-11.

(e) & (f) Government of India is formulating National Dairy Plan with an estimated outlay of Rs. 17,371 crore aimed at meeting the projected demand of about 180 million tones of milk by the year 2021-22.

(g) To improve productivity and number of milch animals, Government is implementing a scheme 'National Project for Cattle & Buffalo Breeding' in the country since October, 2000 on 100% grant-in aid basis. Statement showing State-wise fund released in last three years and utilization is enclosed.