

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTIVITY OF MILCH CATTLE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the average production of milk per milch animal in the country is very low as compared to the world average;
- (b) if so, the details therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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- (a) Average production of milk per milch animal in the country is not available. However, average production of milk per cattle in milk in India (1199 Kg/animal/annum in 2008-09) is very low as compared to the world average (2343 Kg/animal/annum in 2008).
- (b) This is mainly due to poor regime of nutrition as well as low genetic potential for milk production and health care.
- (c) In addition to the steps taken by the State Governments for improving productivity and number of milch animals, Government of India has been supplementing the efforts of the State Governments by way of following steps:
 - (i) National project for Cattle and Buffalo Breeding is being implemented since October,2000. The project envisages genetic up gradation of bovine population on priority basis.
 - (ii) Government is also implementing four Central Sector Schemes, namely, (1) Central Cattle Breeding Farms to produce elite bulls for supplying to the State/breeding agencies for induction in their breeding programmes to upgrade the quality and productivity of the livestock in the country; (2) Central Frozen Semen Production and Training institute to produce frozen semen doses of indigenous/exotic , crossbred cattle and Murrah bulls for use in Artificial Insemination under breeding programme of the country and (3) Central Herd Registration Scheme for registration of elite cows and buffaloes of national important breeds and for identification and location of superior germ plasm. (4) Central Fodder Development Organization with the objective of multiplication of high yielding varieties of fodder crops, distribution of minikits, seed production, training programmes and fodder demonstration.
 - (iii) Government is also implementing Centrally sponsored schemes namely7 Fodder & Feed Development for supplementing the efforts of States in feed & fodder development.
 - (iv) Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is undertaking research programmes for the improvement of various breeds of livestock in different agro climatic regions of the country through institute based projects and All India Coordinated Research/Network Projects.