

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DAIRY FARMING

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether dairy farming is becoming unprofitable;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to boost profitability in the dairy sector;
- (d) the details of production and demand of milk in the country during each of the last three years and current year, State-wise; and
- (e) the details of the measures taken to check the shortage of milk and to ensure its availability in the country?

Answer

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

(a): No, Madam.

(b) & (c): Does not arise.

(d): There is no data available with the department on demand of milk in the country. Details of production of milk during the year 2007-2008, 2008-09 & 2009-10 State-wise is annexed. The production for the current year is yet to be estimated.

(e): The Government has taken following measures to augment the availability of liquid milk and to stabilize the prices of milk and milk products in the domestic market:

1. NDDB has been allowed to import 30,000 MT of milk powder and 15,000 MT of Butter Oil/ Anhydrous Milk fat (AMF) with 0% import duty for use by milk federations and metro dairies in the lean months.
2. All State Governments have been requested to exempt/reduce VAT on molasses and other cattle feed ingredients for use in the manufacture of cattle feed reducing the cost of cattle feed.