

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:223

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MILK PRODUCTION

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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is promoting organized dairy processing sector to meet the demand of processed dairy products;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the consumption of milk and milk products produced by the milk processing industries and the names of the countries to which such products were exported and the amount earned during the last two years, year wise;
- (d) the number of milk processing products imported in the country alongwith the names of such countries and the amount involved during the last two years, year-wise; and
- (e) the action being taken by the Government for the export of milk and processing of milk products?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHA)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 223 FOR 25TH NOVEMBER, 2010 REGARDING MILK PRODUCTION

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MFPI) extends financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid to entrepreneurs @ 25% of the cost of Plant & Machinery and Technical Civil Works subject to a maximum of Rs. 50 lakhs in general areas or 33.33% subject to a maximum of Rs. 75 lakhs in difficult areas under the Scheme of Technology Upgradation/ Establishment/ Modernization of food processing industries. The Scheme is aimed at creation of additional processing capacity and up-gradation of existing processing capabilities by modernization of Food Processing Sector which include Dairy Processing, Fruit & Vegetables, Meat & Poultry, Fish Processing, Consumer Based Products, Oil Milling, Rice Milling, Flour Milling & Pulse Milling in the country. In addition, Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries also provides financial assistance for dairy development under its various schemes.

(c): Based on the data provided by Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries; the quantum of milk produced in the country during last three years i.e. 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 are 104.8 Million Tonnes, 108.5 Million Tonnes and 112.0 Million Tonnes respectively. The data on consumption of Milk & Milk products is not centrally maintained by the Ministry however, as per the information available with Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCI&S) under the Ministry of Commerce, the details of milk products exported and amount earned country-wise during the last two years are at Annexure-I.

(d): As per the information available with DGCIS, the details of the milk products imported from the various countries and the amount involved during last two years are at Annexure-II.

(e): Government has formulated and is implementing several Plan Schemes to provide financial assistance for the establishment and modernization of milk processing units, creation of infrastructure, support of R&D, human resource development besides other promotional measures to encourage development of food processing industries including Dairy Industry. Moreover, the Government has taken several steps like tax reduction, waiver/reduction of excise duty, reduction of custom duty on specific food items with a view to encourage the growth of Food Processing Industries and make them more competitive. Further, the Ministry under its Plan Scheme of establishing Food Testing Labs, Implementation of Quality Systems such as Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points (HACCP), Promotion of Research and Development, Capacity Building and Human Resources Development provide assistance to food processing industries including dairy industries to enable them to compete in the international market.

In addition, Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, also provides financial assistance for promotion of exports of milk products under the Quality Development Scheme and Transport Assistance Scheme.

As per the information provided by Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, a new scheme namely "National Dairy Plan" with an estimated outlay of Rs. 17371 crore for increasing the countries milk production to 180 million tones by 2021-22 has been approved "in principle" by the Planning Commission.