GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AGRICULTURE LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details and number of times the price of milk was increased in Delhi during each of the last two years and the current year;

(b) whether the milching animals in the country have decreased during the last three years and the current year;

(c) if so, the details thereof. State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard and to increase the availability of fodder for the animals?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI ARUN YADAV)

(a) During last two years and current year, the price of double toned milk was increased four times with net increase of Rs. 4 per litre, toned milk increased five times with net increase of Rs. 5 per litre and full cream milk increased six times with net increase of Rs. 9 per litre by Delhi Milk Scheme and Mother Dairy in Delhi.

(b) No, Madam

(c) Does not arise

(d) Department is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Fodder Development Scheme under which funds are provided to States for undertaking fodder development activities. Besides this, under Central Sector Scheme, seven Regional Stations for Forage Production & Demonstration and one Central Fodder Seed Production Farm are operating in different agro-climatic zones to reduce the gap between requirement and supply of fodder in the country. Under Central Minikit Testing Programme, fodder seed Minikits are distributed, free of cost to the farmers with the objective of introduction of new high yielding fodder varieties to enhance fodder and fodder seed production.