

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DEMAND AND SUPPLY OF MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there exists a huge gap between the demand and supply of milk and milk products in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor during each of the last three years and the current financial year;
- (c) whether the Government has taken or proposes to take any steps to meet the shortage; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR.CHARAN DAS MAHANT)

(a) & (b) The milk production at national level is by and large sufficient to meet the domestic demand of milk and milk products. However during the lean season, shortage in liquid milk is met through reconstitution of milk powder/milk fat.

(c) & (d) The Department regularly monitors the milk situation in the country and has taken the following short term measures to ensure adequate availability of liquid milk in the domestic market:-

1.National Dairy Development Board has been allowed to import 30,000 MT of Skimmed Milk Powder and Whole milk powder and 15,000 MT of Butter, Butter oil and anhydrous milk fat at 0% concessional duty under Tariff Rate Quota for the year 2011-12 for reconstitution of milk by State Milk Federations and Metro Dairies vide notification dated 14.01.2011.

2.Export of milk powders (including skimmed milk powder, whole milk powder, dairy whitener and infant milk food), Casein and Casein products has been prohibited with effect from 18.02.2011.

Besides, Government of India is implementing the following schemes for increasing the production of milk as long term measures:

1. National Project for Cattle & Buffalo Breeding
2. Intensive Dairy Development Programme
3. Dairy Entrepreneurships Development scheme
4. Livestock Health and Disease Control
5. Fodder and Feed Development scheme