

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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PRICES OF MILK  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the prices of milk and milk products have risen sharply during the last two years and the current year in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;
- (c) the total quantity of milk produced and exported in the country during the last three years alongwth the domestic per capita availability thereof;
- (d) whether the export of huge quantity of milk and milk products has resulted in short supply for domestic consumption; and
- (e) if so, the action taken by the Government to arrest the shortfall so that prices of milk and milk products could be brought down?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) Wholesale Price Index (WPI) (base year 2004-05 = 100) of milk has increased from 146.9 on 07.11.2009 to 196,9 on 05.11.2011. Increase in prices is mainly attributed to increase in cost of production.

(c) Total quantity of milk produced and per capita availability of milk during last three years is as follows:-

Year	Milk Production (million tonnes)	Per Capita Availability (gram/day)
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2008-09	108.6	258
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2009-10	112.5	263
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2010-11	116.2	269
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Export of milk and milk products (HS code - 0401, 0402, 0403, 0404, 0405 and 0406) along with Casein and Casein products (HS Code 350110 and 350190) during the last three years is annexed.

(d) 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.

(e) The Government has taken the following measures to augment the availability & stabilize the price of milk & milk products :-

1. National Dairy Development Board has been allowed to import 50,000 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.

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.