

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:251  
ANSWERED ON:21.07.2009  
PRODUCTION OF MILK  
Adhalrao Patil Shri Shivaji

**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether rearing of livestock for milk production, is not a profitable venture, specially for small and marginal farmers;
- (b) if so, whether the Union Government has prepared any action plan so as to make milk production profitable;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the State Governments have been requested to implement the action plan and involve all milk producers' associations; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.251 TO BE ANSWERED ON 21ST JULY, 2009.

(a) No, Madam. Rearing of livestock for milk production plays a significant role in supplementing family incomes in the rural sector, particularly among small and marginal farmers and landless labourers, besides generating gainful employment and providing low cost nutritional food.

(b) to (e). Question does not arise in view of (a). However, although animal husbandry and dairying is a state subject, Government of India is supplementing the efforts of the state government in development of this sector. The central government has been providing assistance to the State Government for the control of animal diseases, scientific management and up-gradation of genetic resources, increasing availability of nutritious feed and fodder, sustainable development of processing and marketing facilities and enhancement of production and profitability of livestock, Dairy farmer's Cooperatives are normally associated in the implementation of various Centrally Sponsored dairy development scheme.