

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government has made any assessment about the production and consumption of milk in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof. State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to increase milk production in the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
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(a) & (b). The Government prepares an estimate of milk production and its per capita availability on regular basis. The estimate of milk production and its per capita availability in the country from 2003-04 to 2007-08 is annexed. Milk production at national level is by and large sufficient to meet the domestic consumption of milk and milk products.

(c) Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries is implementing the following schemes among others, to increase the production of milk in the country;

1. Intensive Dairy Development Programme.
2. National Project for Cattle and Buffalo Breeding, (for improving the productivity of bovines)
3. Livestock Health and Disease Control.
4. Feed and Fodder Development.
5. Dairy Venture Capital Fund

In addition, a new scheme, namely, `National Dairy Plan` with an estimated outlay of Rs. 17,371 crore, for increasing the country's milk production to 180 million tonnes by 2021-22 has been approved `in principle` by the Planning Commission.