

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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WOMEN SELF HELP GROUPS IN DAIRY SECTOR  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to associate more women with self help groups, especially in the dairy sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government proposes to provide Central assistance to women associate with dairy sector for the use of modern technology in agriculture and animal husbandry sectors;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of the assistance provided by the Union Government for the development of the dairy sector during each of the last three years and the current year?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
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(a)&(b) Ministry of Women & Child Development is administering a Central Sector Scheme `Support to Training and Employment Programme for Women (STEP)` for the benefit of asset-less, marginalized women in 10 identified traditional sectors. Dairying is one of these 10 identified sectors and skill up-gradation training is provided under the Scheme by mobilizing women in viable cooperative/Self Help Groups(SHG), arranging for marketing linkages, support services and access to credit etc. The number of women to be associated with SHGs for skill up-gradation under the Scheme depends upon the number of feasible projects forwarded by the State Level Empowered Committee of various States.

(c)& (d) The Government of India is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme `Support to State Extension Programmes for Extension reforms` in 586 districts of the country. It aims at providing decentralized,demand driven and fanner friendly extension services through an institutional arrangement set up at the district level in the form of Agriculture Technology Management Agency (ATMA).

Mobilization of farmers groups including women groups is an approved activity under the Scheme, with a provision of Rs 5000/- per group per year for capacity building & skill development and Rs 10000 / group / year as seed money or as revolving fund. So far 35847 groups have been formed since inception of the scheme in 200.5-06.

Over 91 lakh farmers including 17.97 lakh women fanners have so far benefited from the scheme activities.

(e) The Government of India has provided financial assistance for the development of the dairy sector during the last three years and the current year under the following Centrally Sponsored and Central Sector Schemes.

(Rs in Crore)

Name of the scheme	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
	as on 16.07.09			

1.Intensive Dairy Development Programme	33.61	34.68	31.62	3.75
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2. Strengthening Infrastructure for Quality and Clean Milk Production 24.65 20.88 21.29 2.58

3. Assistance to cooperatives 4.50 5.05 9.00 1.20

4. Dairy Venture Capital Fund 12.20 49.99 35.00 0.00

TOTAL 74.96 110.60 96.91 7.53