

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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DEMAND OF MILK
Khaire Shri Chandrakant Bhaurao

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the demand of milk and other value added dairy products in the domestic market has been growing at over 10 per cent annually;
- (b) if so, whether the higher bank interest rate on credit for dairy sector is a major hurdle for farmers which affects the milk production; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) There is no authentic data available with this Department with regard to the demand of milk and other value added products in the domestic market.
- (b) Among other measures, reducing bank's interest rate, especially for purchase of dairy animals, may contribute to a growth in milk production.
- (c) This Department is implementing a Central Sector Scheme namely, Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme through National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development wherein back ended subsidy of 25% (33.33% for SC/ST beneficiaries) is provided to the beneficiaries for loans availed under the scheme.