

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has recently reviewed the working of milk co-operatives in the country;
- (b) if so, the outcome thereof;
- (c) the deficiencies identified during the review;
- (d) the corrective measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to revitalise milk co-operatives in various States; and
- (e) the financial assistance provided to each milk co-operatives in the country during each of the last three years and the current year?

Answer

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

- (a) (b)& (c) The Dairy Cooperatives are registered under the respective State Cooperative Societies Act. The National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) reviews the financial condition of the Dairy Cooperative Unions/Federations which have been provided technical/financial assistance by NDDB. Status of Dairy Cooperative Unions/Federations for which annual accounts have been received along with the list of non-functional Dairy Cooperative Unions/Federations available with NDDB (2008-09 to 2010-11) are given at Annexure I.
- (d) The Government of India is implementing a Central Sector Scheme `Assistance to Cooperatives` with objective to revitalize the sick dairy cooperative unions at the district level and cooperative federations at the State level. The scheme provides financial assistance for rehabilitating sick Dairy Cooperative unions / State Milk Federations in order to make them viable.
- (e) State-wise and Union-wise financial assistance provided by Government of India to rehabilitate the sick Dairy Cooperatives during last three years and current year under the scheme Assistance to Cooperatives` is given at Annexure II.