

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SURPLUS MILK POWDER/STOCKS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is facing the problem of huge surplus of milk powder/ stocks in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has explored the viability of exporting surplus milk powder even after distribution to welfare schemes like mid-day meal schemes etc.;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the steps taken by the Government to utilise the existing surplus milk powder/stocks?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) A few State Milk Federations have reported surplus stocks of skimmed milk powder (SMP) with them. The level of stock is subject to seasonal variations with higher stocks level during the flush season in winter and lower stocks in summer months. A statement indicating stocks of SMP with major State Milk Federations during mid November,2012 is annexed.

(c) to (e) Following steps have been taken to utilize the surplus stock of milk powder;

i. The Ministry of Commerce and Industries allowed free export of SMP and provided export incentive of 5% under Vishesh Krishi Gram Upaj Yojana (VKGUY) vide notifications dated 08.06.2012.

ii. Government of India, vide its Office Memorandum No. 22-14/2003-DP dated 25.06.2012 permitted NDDB to re-export the dairy commodities.

iii. The Ministry of Commerce and Industries allowed free export of all items under Tariff Item HS Code 0402 including Whole Milk Powder(WMP), Dairy Whitener and Infant Milk Food vide notification dated 22.11.2012.

iv. This Department has requested Ministry of External Affairs vide its letters dated 21.11.2012 for seeking markets abroad for marketing surplus stocks of milk powder.