

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MILK PRODUCTION

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that around 80 per cent of milk produced is still handled by unorganised sector in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the quality of milk produced and supplied by the unorganised sector; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to bring milk producers from the unorganised sector to cooperative and organised sector?

Answer

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

(a) As per Project Implementation Plan of National Dairy Plan prepared by National Dairy Development Board, about 70 percent of milk procurement is handled by the unorganised sector.

(b) The Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, Food Safety and Standards Rules and Regulations, 2011, notified on 1st August, 2012 by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare are implemented by the respective Food Safety Commissioners in the states. The quality of milk produced and supplied by the food business operator is governed as per specifications laid down in the Food Safety & Standards (Food Products & Food Additives) Regulations, 2011.

(c) This Department is implementing dairy development schemes namely, Intensive Dairy Development Programme, through State Milk Federations/District Cooperative Milk Unions to bring milk producers from the unorganised sector to cooperative and organised sector.

In addition, the Government has also launched National Dairy Plan Phase-I (NDP-I) in February, 2012 with a total investment of about Rs.2242 crore to be implemented by NDDDB through end implementing agencies (EIAs) from 2011-12 to 2016-17 with the objectives to increase the productivity of milch animals and thereby increase milk production to meet the rapidly growing demand for milk and to provide producers with greater access to markets. The increased milk production will be supported by providing the milk producers greater opportunities for sale of surplus milk to organized sector by expanding Village milk procurement system that facilitate fair and transparent transaction. Under this activity, an outlay of Rs. 747 crore has been approved.