

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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MILK PROCUREMENT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is promoting village based milk procurement system as well as milk cooperatives in order to provide remunerative prices to farmers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of milk cooperatives set up with Central assistance in Maharashtra, as on date;
- (d) the number of cooperatives, out of these, being managed by women; and
- (e) the additional measures proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries is implementing various schemes for dairy development in the country for promoting village based milk procurement system through dairy cooperatives. Procurement price of milk paid to farmers by dairy cooperatives is generally determined by the dairy cooperative unions or concerned State Milk Federation basing on the market price and the policy of the State Government.

(c) & (d): 3134 primary dairy cooperative societies have been set up in Maharashtra as on 31.03.2013 under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Intensive Dairy Development Programme. No data is available with the Department regarding co-operatives run by women in Maharashtra.

(e): Additional measures for dairy cooperatives extended by the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries include implementation of schemes like Intensive Dairy Development Programme, Strengthening Infrastructure for Quality and Clean Milk Production, Assistance to Cooperatives, Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme and National Dairy Plan (Phase-I). In addition, financial assistance to dairy cooperatives can also be provided under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana/National Mission for Protein Supplements.