

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PRICE OF MILK

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that huge capital investment has been made by the domestic/ multinational companies for the expansion of the dairy industry;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether despite huge investment in the sector and increased production, the selling price of milk to the consumers is continuously increasing;
- (d) if so, the quantum of increase in milk production registered during the period from 2004-05 to 2012-13 along with the increase in milk prices; and
- (e) the other steps taken by the Government to increase the production and stabilise the price of milk in the country?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries have no information regarding huge capital investment made by the domestic/multinational companies for the expansion of the dairy industry.

(c) & (d) Increase in selling prices of milk is mainly attributed to increase in its cost of production. The details of milk production in India along with Wholesale Price Index of milk (base year 2004-05=100) from 2004-05 to 2012-13 is as given below;

Year	Milk Production(million tonnes)	Wholesale Price Index
2004-05	92.5	100.00
2005-06	97.1	101.01
2006-07	102.6	108.98
2007-08	107.9	114.58
2008-09	112.2	123.24
2009-10	116.4	146.41
2010-11	121.8	175.88
2011-12	127.9	194.01
2012-13	133.79#	208.10

Anticipated

(e) The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Government of India is implementing the following schemes to enhance the production of milk in the country which also contributes to stabilize the milk prices:

- i) National Dairy Plan-Phase I
- ii) Intensive Dairy Development Programme
- iii) Strengthening Infrastructure for Quality and Clean Milk Production
- iv) Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme
- v) National Project for Cattle and Buffalo Breeding
- vi) Livestock Health and Disease Control
- vii) Fodder and Feed Development scheme