

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ASSISTANCE FOR PURCHASE OF MILCH CATTLE

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the dairy sector has played a major role in the growth of the economy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that due to rise in the price of milch cattle, landless labourers are unable to purchase them and their means of livelihood has been badly affected; and
- (d) if so, the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Dairy sector has played a major role in the growth of the economy. According to estimates of the Central Statistics Office (CSO), the value of output from livestock sector at current prices was about Rs 4,59,051 crore during 2011-12 which is about 24.8% of the value of output from total agricultural and allied sector at current price and 25.6% at constant prices (2004-05). The value of output of milk is Rs.3,05,484 crore in 2011-12, which is higher than the value of output of paddy and wheat. As per NSS 66th Round Survey (July 2009 – June 2010), total number of workers in farming of animals is 20.5 million as per usual status (principal status plus subsidiaries status irrespective of their principal activity status). Farmers of marginal, small and semi-medium operational holdings (area less than 4 ha) own about 87.7% of the livestock.

(c) No such report has been received by the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries.

(d) Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries is implementing "Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme" (DEDS) through National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) in which back ended capital subsidy (25% of the project cost for General Category and 33.33% for SC & ST beneficiaries) is provided through eligible financial institutions, subject to the norms of the scheme. DEDS provides for establishment of small dairy units of 2 to 10 crossbreed cows, indigenous descript milch cows and graded buffaloes, to eligible applicants under bankable projects.