

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:251  
ANSWERED ON:27.08.2013  
PER CAPITA AVAILABILITY OF MILK  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the production and per capita availability of milk in the country has declined over the years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether the prices of milk has risen several times during the said period;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the corrective measures taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 251 FOR 27.08.2013 REGARDING PER CAPITA AVAILABILITY OF MILK

(a)&(b) No, Madam. Milk production in the country has increased from 17 million tonnes in 1950-51 to 80.6 million tonnes in 2000-01 and further increased to 127.9 million tonnes in 2011-12. The per capita availability of milk has increased from 130gm/day in 1950-51 to 217 gm/day during 2000-01 and further increased to 290 gm/day during 2011-12.

(c) to (e) Wholesale Price Index (WPI) (base year 2004-05 = 100) of milk for 2010-11 was 175.88; for 2011-12, 194.01; and for 2012-13, 208.05. In July 2013, WPI stood at 213.08. Rise in price of milk is mainly on account of increase in the cost of inputs (cattle feed, fodder, labour etc), cost of procurement, processing and marketing. Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries is implementing the following schemes aimed at increasing milk production and its availability in the country:

1. National Dairy Plan-I
2. National Project for Cattle & Buffalo Breeding
3. Intensive Dairy Development Programmme
4. Dairy Entrepreneurship Development scheme
5. Livestock Health and Disease Control
6. Fodder and Feed Development scheme