

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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REARING OF LIVESTOCK FOR MILK PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether rearing of livestock for milk production is not a profitable venture especially for small and marginal farmers of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to make the profession a profitable venture?

Answer

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

(a) No, Madam. Rearing of livestock for milk production plays a significant role in supplementing family incomes in the rural sector, particularly among small and marginal farmers and landless labourers, besides generating gainful employment and providing low cost nutritional food.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) The Department of Animals Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries has been providing assistance to the State Governments under following schemes for the control of animal diseases, scientific management and up-gradation of genetic resources, increasing availability of nutritious feed and fodder, sustainable development of milk processing and marketing facilities and enhancement of production and profitability of livestock:

- i. National Dairy Plan-I
- ii. National Project for Cattle and Bovine Breeding.
- iii. Intensive Dairy Development Programme
- iv. Strengthening infrastructure for Quality and Clean Milk production
- v. Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme
- vi. Livestock Health and Disease Control
- vii. Fodder and Feed Development Scheme
- viii. Livestock Insurance