

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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HIKE IN MILK PRICES

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the prices of milk has been increased a number of times during the last three years and the current year despite the increase in the production of milk;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) the number of times the prices of milk had been increased during 2012-13 and till date;
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to control the prices of milk in the country; and
- (e) the measures initiated by the Government to increase the production of milk in the country?

Answer

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

(a) to (b) Increase in 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 2009-10 to 2012-13 is as given below;

Year	Milk Production (million tonnes)	Wholesale Price Index
2009-10	116.4	146.41
2010-11	121.8	175.88
2011-12	127.9	194.01
2012-13	132.43	208.10
2013-14	139.68	216.10 (Apr-Oct)
# Anticipated		

(Source: DAHDF,GoI and www.eaindustry.nic.in)

(c) The month wise variation in Wholesale Price Index of milk (base year 2004-05=100) during 2012 and 2013 are given below;

Wholesale Price Index of milk (base year 2004-05=100)

Month/Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2013	210.5	210.6	210.2	211.1	213.2	214.4	215.2	218.4	219.9	220.5		
2012	201.4	201.5	201.3	202.9	204.1	206	208.9	206	207.9	209.4	209.5	210.6

(Source: www.eaindustry.nic.in)

(d) to (e) The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Government of India does not control the price of milk. This Department is implementing the following schemes to enhance the production of milk in the country which also contributes to stabilizing the milk prices:

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