

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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PRIVATE SECTOR IN DAIRY INDUSTRIES  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has initiated private sector participation in dairy industries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to promote dairy industries in different States;and
- (d) the target set thereunder during the current Five Year Plan period?

**Answer**

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

(a),(b) & (c) This Department is implementing Central Sector Scheme namely Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme (DEDS) in the country through National Bank of Agriculture and Rural Development, since 1st September, 2010. The beneficiaries eligible under the scheme are any individual/Farmer, Self Help Group, Non-Government Organization, Cooperative society, Company etc. The financial assistance is provided under the scheme as back ended capital subsidy at the rate of 25% for general category and 33.33% for SC/ST beneficiaries of the total project cost.

Besides, Ministry of Food Processing Industries is implementing a scheme for Technology Upgradation /Establishment/ Modernisation of Food Processing Industries aimed at creation of new processing capacity and up-gradation of existing processing capabilities, including Milk. Financial assistance under the the scheme is provided in the form of grant-in-aid to entrepreneurs at the rate of 25% of the cost of Plant & machinery and Technical Civil Works subject to a maximum of Rs. 50 lakh in general areas (33.33% subject to a maximum of Rs. 75 lakh in North Eastern and difficult areas).

(d) No target has been fixed as the scheme DEDS is demand driven.