

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that even global prices of milk and milk products has declined but prices of milk in the country have been increased continuously during the last three years and current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the Government has imposed quantitative curbs on the imports of milk products which is the main reason for increasing the prices of milk and milk products;
- (d) if so, the facts thereof;
- (e) the present status of the National Dairy Development Board plans to double the milk output in the country; and
- (f) the various steps taken by the Government to increase the milk production in the country and control its prices?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIYA)

(a) & (b) Increase in prices of milk is attributed to increase in its cost of production. Wholesale price index (WPI) (base year 2004-05=100) of milk in the country and globally during last three years and current year is annexed.

(c) & (d) There is no restriction in import of milk & milk product. Import of milk & milk product is under open general license and import is allowed subject to fulfillment of Sanitary Import Permit.

(e) National Dairy Development Board is implementing National Dairy Plan (Phase-I) (NDP-I) during 2011-12 to 2016-17 for enhancement of productivity of milch animals which aim to achieve milk production of 150 million tonnes by the end of 2016-17. Till February 2015, 288 sub project Proposals (SPPs) including 18 under Project Management & Learning have been approved in 16 States with total outlay of Rs.1548.07 crore.

(f) The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Government of India does not regulate price of milk. Price of milk is determined by the Cooperatives and Private Dairies in the country. This Department is implementing the following schemes to enhance production of milk in the country which also contributes to stabi- lizing the milk prices:

- i. National Dairy Plan (Phase-I)
- ii. National Programme for Bovine Breeding and Dairy Development
- iii. Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme
- iv. Livestock Health and Disease Control
- v. National Livestock Mission