

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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HIKE IN MILK PRICES  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the prices of milk has been increased several times in the country during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) the number of times the prices of milk has been increased during the last three years and the current year; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to control the prices of milk and the measures initiated by the Government to increase the production of milk in the country?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE & FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) to (c) Price of milk is not regulated by the Government of India. On an average, milk prices are determined by the Cooperatives and Private Dairies 2 to 3 times in a year. The Whole Sale Price Index (WPI) (base year 2004-05=100) of milk is the representative price of milk in the country. The month wise variation in WPI of milk during the last three years and current year are as 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
2014	225.7	229.1	230.1	230.5	233.6	237.6						
2013	210.5	210.6	210.2	211.1	213.2	214.4	215.2	218.4	219.9	221.2	224	225.3
2012	201.4	201.5	201.3	202.9	204.1	206	208.9	206	207.9	209.4	209.5	210.6
2011	179.3	180.4	174.6	175.4	182.4	191.7	193.4	193.1	195.3	196.9	197.3	198.4

(Source: [www.eaindustry.nic.in](http://www.eaindustry.nic.in))

Increase in price of milk by Cooperatives is mainly on account of the market conditions and increase in milk procurement price, which in turn depends upon inputs like cost of feed, fodder, labour, electricity and transportation etc.

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