

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PRICE OF MILK POWDER
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that during the last couple of years the prices of milk powder from which packaged milk is produced has almost doubled in the country;
- (b) if so, whether it is also a fact that in the global market prices of milk powder has almost halved when compared to the last year;
- (c) if so, whether the Government has initiated any step to ensure passing on this benefit to the consumers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIYA)

- (a) The average Wholesale Price Index of milk powder (base year 2004-05=100) during the last couple of years and current year is as given below;

Calendar Year	Wholesale Price Index
2014 (Jan-Oct)	192.90
2013	180.87
2012	182.13

Source: <http://www.eaindustry.nic.in>, M/o of Commerce & Industry, GoI

- (b) The average international price of milk powder during the month of October 2013 and 2014 is given below;

Milk Powder	October 2013	(US\$/Metric Tonne)	October 2014	(US\$/Metric Tonne)
Skimmed Milk Powder	4,402	2,657		
Whole Milk Powder	5,152	2,822		

Source: NDDB, and FAO website: www.fao.org/economics/est/prices

- (c)&(d) The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Government of India does not regulate price of milk powder. Price of milk powder is determined by the Cooperatives and Private Dairies in the country.