

Sixteenth Loksabha

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Title: Need to include milk in Mid-day Meal Scheme.

SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH (JHALAWAR-BARAN): To ensure a nutritious meal to the school children, the Government must consider to include Milk as part of the Mid-Day Meal scheme. Milk may also be introduced in the National Nutrition Mission through the Anganwadi Scheme, which will ultimately help the country to tackle the issue of malnourishment among the children. This will help the dairy farmers and the industry to get better returns as a part of the Agriculture Ministry's plan to increase India's milk production by 2022 and to double farmers' incomes through the dairy industries.

While the Ministry plans to introduce milk as a constituent, steps must be taken to ensure the Quality and the Nutrient Value of the milk being given to the beneficiaries. The quality test in this regard be performed at School or Anganwadi levels after imparting proper training to the local authorities.