

*[English]***Price of Milk**

1077. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL:
SHRI ASHOK NAMDEORAO MOHOL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that there is resentment amongst masses on the hike in the price of the milk supplied by the Government agencies in Delhi in the recent past;

(b) if so, the reasons for the increase in price of milk; and

(c) the steps the Government propose to take to roll back the prices of milk?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SOMPAL):

(a) The milk in Delhi is supplied by Delhi Milk Scheme has not increased the price of the milk whereas the Mother Dairy has increased the selling price of toned milk sold through bulk vending system from Rs. 11/- to Rs. 12/- per litre with effect from 1.2.1999. The Government has not received any report regarding the resentment among the masses on this issue.

(b) and (c) The hike in the prices has been done due to the rise in the cost of raw material, milk commodities, transport, electricity etc. Hence there is no proposal to roll back the price of milk.

New Transport Policy

1078. SHRI RAVI SITARAM NAIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister has recently announced the new Transport Policy to involve the private sector and foreign participation in this sector;

(b) if so, the details of the proposals in this regard; and

(c) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) to (c) The Prime Minister has not announced any new Transport Policy involving the private sector and foreign participation so far.

However, a Task Force on Infrastructure has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Dy. Chairman, Planning Commission comprising both Government and industry representatives, with the aim of attracting investment to specific projects of national and regional importance, and ensuring their timely completion.

Initially, the Task Force will deal with the projects relating to the development of roads and airports. It will also formulate an Integrated National Transport Policy to strengthen the transport infrastructure in the country.

Oustees of Cauvery Irrigation Project

1079. SHRI M.SELVARASU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the details of measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for the rehabilitation and welfare of the families whose land has been acquired for cauvery irrigation project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SOMPAL): This is no project by name "Cauvery Irrigation Project".

National Cooperative Development Corporation

1080. SHRI GORDHANBHAI JADAVBHAI JAVIYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes implemented by National Cooperative Development Corporation;

(b) whether the loans were sanctioned or released for various agro-processing projects in co-operative sector during each of the last three years and current years also; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?