

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY  
(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2546**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 04<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2019**

**RCEP AGREEMENT ON MILK PRODUCTS**

2546. SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI:  
SHRI SHANMUGA SUNDARAM K.:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री ) be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government had any agreement during negotiations at Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) comprising ASEAN, China, Australia, New Zealand, Japan and South Korea regarding the import of milk and milk products from New Zealand;
- (b) if so, the details of such an agreement under the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) and the proposal therein;
- (c) whether the domestic dairy producers including co-operative milk producers union have reacted to the Free Trade Agreement(FTA);
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the proposal of the Government to sustain domestic productivity, employment and milk producers in the competition thereof;
- (e) the total quantum of milk and milk products in India for the current year and for each of the past three years; and
- (f) whether the Government is having any proposal to reduce import duty on milk products?

**ANSWER**

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री ( श्री पीयूष गोयल )  
THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

- (a) to (d): No Sir, during the 3<sup>rd</sup> RCEP Leaders Summit which was held on 4 November, 2019 in Bangkok; India stated that the current structure of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) did not fully reflect the RCEP Guiding Principles or address the outstanding issues and concerns of India, in the light of which India did not join the consensus. The Government held stakeholders' consultations including with co-operative milk producer's union which were taken into account while formulating its position under RCEP.

(e): India's annual production of milk during last 4 years is as under:-

Year	*Milk production (figures in Million Tonnes)
2015-16	155.5
2016-17	165.4
2017-18	176.3
**2018-19	187.7

Source: \*Annual Report 2018-19 of the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying

\*\* Annual "Integrated Sample Survey" of Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying

(f): As of date, there is no such proposal.

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