

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1151

TO BE ANSWERED ON 30th July 2024

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Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be

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pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any data on number of milk producers in Maharashtra who have been adversely affected by this policy change and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has any proposal to consult with representatives from the dairy industry in Maharashtra before deciding to lower import duties on powdered milk and if so, the outcomes of these consultations;
- (c) the measures taken by the Government to implement and support milk producers in Maharashtra who are facing financial difficulties due to the lower import duties on powdered milk;
- (d) the manner in which the Government intend to ensure fair market conditions for domestic milk producers in Maharashtra amidst increased competition from cheaper imported powdered milk; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to regulate or stabilize milk prices to safeguard the interests of local producers and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

(SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS LALAN SINGH)

(a) to (d) Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD) has not proposed any policy change for lowering of the import duties on powdered milk.

(e) Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD) does not regulate the prices of milk. The price of milk is determined by Milk Cooperatives and Private Dairy Processors based on the input cost and market forces. DAHD is implementing the following Dairy Development schemes to complement and supplement the efforts for milk production and milk processing infrastructure made by the State Government:

- i. National Programme for Dairy Development (NPDD)
- ii. Supporting Dairy Cooperatives & Farmer Producer Organisations engaged in dairy activities (SDCFPO)
- iii. Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF)
- iv. Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM)
- v. National Livestock Mission (NLM)
- vi. Livestock Health and Disease Control Programme (LHDCP)

These schemes are helping in improving milk productivity of bovines, strengthening of dairy infrastructure, enhancing availability of feed and fodder and providing animal health services. These interventions help to reduce the cost of milk production and thereby help to stabilize milk prices and also help to enhance income from dairy farming.
