

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 72
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25th July, 2023

SHORTAGE OF MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS

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SHRI KOMATI REDDY VENKAT REDDY:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMALHUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is shortage of milk and other milk products in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has not taken any steps to tap it and increase the income of farmers and also to boost the production/supply/imports which are required in the coming months/years;
- (c) if so, the steps taken in this regard and the details of stocks of skimmed milk powder and the milk chain;
- (d) whether there is any timeline for any reduction in milk prices and fodder shortage is also leading to a rise in prices and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government is providing subsidies under a new scheme to improve the availability of fodder which is a major input cost for farmers; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof since 2013 onwards till date and the corrective steps being taken to solve such issues?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) to (f) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 72 PART (a) TO (f) ON “SHORTAGE OF MILK AND MILK PRODUCT” TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.07.2023

- (a) No such report has been received by this Department, about shortage of milk and milk product in the country. The milk procurement has increased in June 2023 by 5.6% compared to last year.
- (b) and (c) Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying is implementing following Dairy Development schemes to help improve milk production and to meet the increasing demand of milk and milk products in the country. These schemes provides for assistance in terms of input services, disease control, breed improvement etc apart from creation of dairy infrastructure to support milk market access, remunerative price amongst others, across the year which thereby help enhance the income of farmers across the country:
- (i) National Programme for Dairy Development (NPDD)
 - (ii) Dairy Processing & Infrastructure Development Fund (DIDF)
 - (iii) Supporting Dairy Cooperatives & Farmer Producer Organisations engaged in dairy activities (SDCFPO)
 - (iv) Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF)
 - (v) Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM)
 - (vi) National Livestock Mission (NLM)
 - (vii) Livestock Health and Disease Control Programme (LHDCP)

The Department does not maintain any stock of milk commodities. However, this Department periodically reviews the milk situation in the country. Based on the inputs received from major dairy cooperatives, the stock of Skimmed milk powder has increased from 116002 MT to 130000 MT during May 2023 to June 2023.

- (d) The Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Government of India does not regulate the procurement and sale prices of milk in the country. Prices are decided by the cooperative and private dairies based on their cost of production and market forces. Wholesale Price Index of fodder is in decreasing trend and it was 248 in Jan 2023, 237.4 in Apr, 2023 and has moderated to 222.70 in June 2023. With ensuing monsoon season, green fodder availability has improved.

(e) Yes Sir.

(f) The Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Government of India has been supplementing the efforts made by the State Governments by implementing Centrally Sponsored Scheme National Livestock Mission with a Sub Mission on Feed and Fodder Development since 2014-15. A component viz, Fodder Production from Non-forest lands/range lands/degraded lands/grasslands as well as forest lands was operational since 2014 to July 2021. The scheme has been realigned in July 2021 with objective to enhance fodder availability with following two components namely (i) Assistance for quality Fodder Seeds Production, and, ii) Entrepreneurial Development Programme on feed and fodder.

Besides above, Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) is implementing the Central Sector Scheme “Formation and Promotion of 10,000 Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs)” through National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) as implementing agency to form and promote 100 FPOs, primarily fodder centric FPOs.

Indian Grassland and Fodder Research Institute (IGFRI- ICAR) has also prepared Fodder Development Plan for 25 States to enhance fodder availability in the States based on their cropping pattern and livestock species.
