

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
LOK SABHA
ADMITTED QUESTION NO. 3169
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08TH AUGUST, 2023

MILK INFLATION

3169. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री
be pleased to state?

- (a) the details of measures taken by the Government to assist State Governments in combating the lumpy skin virus in light of a new wave of the disease in May 2023;
- (b) if so, the details of financial outlay for the same, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government is aware that the milk inflation is at its current high of 8-9 per cent and if so, the measures taken to ease the burden consumers face due to high milk prices; and
- (d) whether the Government has any plan to encourage small farmers to continue producing milk in light of the high prices of animal fodder and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER FOR FISHERIES ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)**

- (a) Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD), Government of India has taken all necessary measures to assist State Governments in combating Lumpy Skin Virus, which include financial and technical support.
- (b) Financial assistance is provided to the states/UTs as per the demand for procurement of Goat Pox Vaccine doses for carrying out vaccination against Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) under Assistance to State for Control of Animal Diseases (ASCAD). The details of funds released/approval conveyed to States/UTs during the year 2022-23 and 2023-24 are placed at **Annexure -1**.
- (c) As per All India Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Combined sector of the Item "Milk", year-on-year Inflation rate is showing decreasing trend as 9.65% in February 2023, 9.30% in March 2023, 8.85% in May 2023 and 8.56% in June, 2023 (provisional). Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying does not regulate procurement and sale prices of milk in the country. Cooperative and private dairies based on their cost of production and market forces decide the market price. However, the Department is implementing various Dairy Development Schemes and Livestock Health & Disease Control Programme to supplement the efforts of the States through prophylactic vaccinations of animal diseases, capacity building of veterinary services, disease surveillance and strengthening veterinary infrastructure, enhancing availability of feed and fodder to help improve milk production, reduce the cost of milk production and to meet the increasing demand of milk and milk products in the country.

(d) Yes Sir, Government of India has been supplementing the efforts of the State Governments to enhance feed and fodder availability. Based on the recommendation of Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Ministry of Commerce, vide its notification no. 21/2023 dated 28.07.2023, has banned export of De-oiled rice bran upto 30.11.2023 to help ease its availability to the farmers. Further, Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) is implementing the Central Sector Scheme "Formation and Promotion of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs)" through National Dairy Development Board (NDDB). 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.

Detail of funds for Lumpy Skin Disease Control Program during 2022-23 and 2023-24

(In Rs. Lakh)

Sl. No.	State	Funds for procurement of vaccine doses and vaccination cost during 2022-23	Funds for procurement of vaccine doses and vaccination cost during 2023-24
1	Uttar Pradesh	792.00	857.1
2	Maharashtra	619.00	-
3	J&K	1607.00	-
4	Uttarakhand	80.33	-
5	Punjab	1478.00	-
6	Rajasthan	312.00	299.97
7	Gujarat	2.25	252.00
8	Chhattisgarh	93.70	-
9	West Bengal	478.8	-
10	Tripura	13.83	-
11	Madhya Pradesh	67.20	742.5
12	Haryana	272.48	-
13	Karnataka	385.11	533.26
14	Bihar	685.97	-
15	Andhra Pradesh	153.90	-
16	Mizoram	0.47	-
17	Sikkim	6.9	-
18	Himachal Pradesh	47.25	-
19	Puducherry	4.01	-
20	Assam	47.25	-
21	Odisha	249.56	-
22	Goa	2.19	-
	Total	7399.20	2684.83