

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

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1034**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31<sup>th</sup> JULY 2024

**IMPORT OF SKIMMED MILK POWDER**

1034. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether several cooperative and private dairy companies has requested to curtail on import of skimmed milk powder;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto;
- (c) what steps Government is taking to manage the surplus stock of skimmed milk powder (SMP) currently held by cooperatives and private dairy companies; and
- (d) the details of Government plan to stabilize the prices of SMP to ensure that the dairy industry does not incur substantial financial losses?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & DAIRYING**  
**(SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS LALAN SINGH)**

(a) No.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a)

(c)&(d) The Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying (DAHD), Government of India does not regulate the procurement and sale prices of milk and milk products in the country. Prices are decided by the cooperative and private dairies based on their cost of production and market forces. DAHD reviews the milk situation in the country to monitor the situation on regular basis. Moreover, this Department is implementing Supporting Dairy Cooperatives and Farmer Producer Organizations engaged in dairy activities (SDCFPO) scheme to provide interest subvention on working capital loans to eligible Participating Agencies (PAs) to tide over the crisis on account severely adverse market conditions or natural calamities. SDCFPO provides for interest subvention of 2% p.a. on working capital loans availed by PAs from banks and financial institutions. Also for prompt and timely repayment, additional interest subvention of 2% p.a will be payable at the end of the loan repayment period. The products covered under the scheme for availing working capital loans are Skimmed Milk Powder (SMP), Whole Milk Powder (WMP), White Butter and Ghee.

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