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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1492
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH MARCH 2025

SCHEMES FOR DAIRY FARMER

1492 SHRI BABUBHAI JESANGBHAI DESAI:

Will the Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is planning to introduce any price support schemes or subsidies to protect dairy farmers from income instability due to ongoing financial struggle of dairy farmers because of fluctuating milk prices; and
- (b) the steps taken by the Ministry to promote cooperative dairy models and increase small farmers' access to organized dairy markets, in light of the significant role that the dairy sector plays in rural economies?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

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- (a) No. Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD) does not have any plan to introduce price support scheme or subsidies for dairy farmers as DAHD 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. In the Dairy Cooperative sector, about 70-80% of the consumer rupee is paid back to milk producer farmers.
- (b) The dairy sector contributes more than 5% to the agricultural economy. Milk & Milk products constitute a major share of the value of output from the livestock sub-sector; the value of milk output reached Rs. 11.16 Lakh Cr, surpassing the total value of food grain production in 2022-23.

In order to complement and supplement the efforts for milk production and milk processing infrastructure made, DAHD is implementing the following schemes across the country:

- 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, provide organized market and also help to enhance income from dairy farming with the remunerative price to the produce.

Under NPDD, 23,516 Dairy Cooperative Societies have been established/strengthened. In addition to this DAHD and Ministry of Cooperation jointly is implementing White Revolution 2.0 for expansion of Cooperatives dairy model with aim to create 75000 new dairy cooperatives across the country in five years through NPDD scheme.
