

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**QUESTION NO 27.11.2009**  
**ANSWERED ON**  
**TARGET OF MILK PRODUCTION .**

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Will the Minister of COAL AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is a fact that the target of 180 million tonnes of milk production has been fixed by Government;
- (b) if so, the facts in this regard and the assessment about the requirement of total amount to be incurred to achieve the target;
- (c) the quantity of average milk production per cattle in the country at present and the estimated average to achieve the above said target; and
- (d) the quantity of fodder which will be required to achieve the above said target of milk production and the additional fodder required in comparison to current availability?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE, CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

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(a) &(b) The Government of India is contemplating to enhance milk production to 180 million tonnes by 2021-22 through the National Dairy Plan which is a strategic plan prepared by the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB). The Plan has three major components, namely, enhancing milk production through increased productivity, substantially strengthening and expanding the infrastructure for procurement, processing, marketing and quality assurance through existing institutional structures and by promoting new ones, and human resource development. It has an estimated outlay of Rs 17,371 crore for a period spanning 15 years. World Bank aid is being considered to reduce the interest burden on beneficiaries.

(c) According to the Basic Animal Husbandry Statistics, DAHD&F, GOI, 2008, the average daily milk production was 2.09 Kgs per indigenous cow and 6.52 Kgs per crossbred cow in 2007-08. To meet the projected demand of 180 million tonnes by 2021-22, average daily milk production per cattle would need to increase suitably.

(d) As per an estimation based on the draft recommendations of the Sub-group on Fodder Production Enhancement (10th Five Year Plan), by 2021-22 the requirement would be about 1150 million tonnes of green fodder and 640 million tonnes of dry fodder annually. It has been reported in the March 2007 Report of the Working Group of the Sub-committee of the National Development Council on Agriculture and Related issues that only 390 MT of green fodder and 443 MT of dry fodder was available in 2005-06. This huge gap in requirement and availability will have to be met by 2021-22.