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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 86 TO BE ANSWERED ON  $2^{ND}$  FEBRUARY, 2024

#### BUFFER STOCK OF MILK AND DAIRY BY NDDB

#### 86 DR. ANIL SUKHDEORAO BONDE:

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

- (a) whether there is any proposal to discard the idea of creating a buffer stock for milk and dairy products by the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB);
- (b) whether it is a fact that huge quantum of skimmed milk powder and other dairy products will remain unsold due to this decision and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the criteria for pricing various products sold by NDDB and also the pricing pattern on purchases made from private players by NDDB along with the details thereof?

#### **ANSWER**

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

- (a) and (b) The Department of Animal Husbandry Dairying (DAHD), Government of India does not maintain any stock of milk commodities; However, DAHD reviews the milk situation in the country in consultation with State Dairy Federations and National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) to monitor the situation on regular basis. Based on the inputs received from Major Dairy Cooperatives/ Stakeholders policy innovations are taken in the interest of farmers as well as consumers if required. The current situation of commodity stock is stable as the flush season is going on.
- (c) NDDB is not involved in sale of milk and milk products in the market nor does it purchase milk and milk products from private players.

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