

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
 MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING  
 DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2623**  
 TO BE ANSWERED ON 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2024

**INCREASE IN MILK PRICES**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that milk prices have surged upwards during the last five years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the said period, year-wise; and
- (c) steps taken by Government to bring down prices of milk?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) No. There is no upward surge in the prices of milk during the last five years. There is a moderate increase in milk prices as reflected in both the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) for milk.

(b) The CPI and WPI of milk for the last five years in the month of November is tabulated below:

Index name	Index for the month of November											
	2019		2020		2021		2022		2023		2024	
	INDEX	Annual rate of inflation %	INDEX	Annual rate of inflation %	INDEX	Annual rate of inflation %	INDEX	Annual rate of inflation %	INDEX	Annual rate of inflation %	INDEX	Annual rate of inflation %
WPI	146.40	1.60	154.00	5.19	157.50	2.27	167.30	6.22	180.60	7.95	185.30	2.09
CPI	146.7	3.46	154.7	5.45	159.3	2.97	172.3	8.16	182.2	5.75	187.40	2.85

(c) 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. However, DAHD is implementing the following Dairy Development schemes across the country to complement and supplement the efforts for milk production and milk processing infrastructure made by the State Government:

- (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, expanding network of dairy cooperatives, strengthening of dairy infrastructure, working capital requirement, enhancing availability of feed and fodder and providing animal health services. These interventions help to reduce the cost of milk production and also help to stabilize milk prices and also help to enhance income from dairy farming.

As a result of prudent policy interventions, India ranks number one in milk production globally. During the year 2023-24, 239.3 Million Metric tonnes of milk is produced in the country which is more than 25% of the total world milk production. Milk production in country has increased by 63.56 % during the past 10 years from 146.3 million tonnes in 2014-15 to 239.30 million metric tonnes in 2023-24. Milk production in the country is growing at the annual growth rate of 5.7 % during the past 10 years and whereas, world milk production is growing at 2% per annum. Per capita availability of milk in the country is more than 471 gm/person/day during the year 2023-24 against the per capita availability of 322 gram/ person/ day in the world.

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