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MODERNIZATION OF DAIRY SECTOR AND GROWTH IN MILK PRODUCTION

2779# SHRI PRADIP KUMAR VARMA:

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

- (a) whether Government is implementing various schemes and programmes aimed at modernizing the dairy sector and increasing the income of milk producers;
- (b) if so, the year-wise details of the growth in milk production and per capita milk availability in the country during the last five years;
- (c) whether Government has taken special initiatives to strengthen infrastructure for milk procurement, cold chain, processing and value addition; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
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(a) to (d) The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD), Government of India (GoI), is implementing the following schemes to complement and supplement the efforts of State Governments in strengthening and modernizing in the dairy sector:

- I. **National Programme for Dairy Development (NPDD):** Under NPDD, 50% grant assistance is provided for strengthening milk procurement, chilling, and quality assurance infrastructure to increase the share of organized milk procurement in the country. Further, 75% Central Grant assistance is provided for establishing modern milk procurement, dairy processing, value addition, and cold chain infrastructure, and 70% Central Grant assistance is extended for setting up quality assurance infrastructure, only in hilly areas and the North Eastern Region (NER).
- II. **Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF):** Under AHIDF 3% interest subvention is provided to eligible beneficiaries to establish modern dairy processing, value addition, and cold chain infrastructure projects in both the cooperative and private sectors.

As of June 2026, 36,611 new Dairy Cooperative Societies (DCS) have been organised and 34,557 DCS strengthened at the village level with financial assistance under National Programme for Dairy Development (NPDD), Further, about 168 lakh litres per day (LLPD) of milk chilling capacity has been created, and 76,748 quality testing devices distributed. Under Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF), projects with a total milk processing and value-addition capacity of 418 LLPD have been approved in both cooperative and private sectors.

The year-wise details of milk production and per capita milk availability in the country from 2020-21 to 2024-25 is as under:

Year	Milk Production (Million Metric Tonnes)/Year	Per Capita Availability (Gram /day)
2020-21	209.96	427.00
2021-22	222.07	446.00
2022-23	230.58	459.00
2023-24	239.30	471.00
2024-25	247.87	485.00

The ongoing schemes aim to strengthen and modernize the infrastructure for milk collection, cold storage, processing, and value addition in the dairy sector. These efforts provide an organized market for milk producers and help improve their income.
