

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 544  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2018

**LIVESTOCK BREEDING**

544. SHRI LAKHAN LAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether livestock breeding for milk production is no longer a profitable occupation specially for small and marginal farmers of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to make the cattle rearing a profitable occupation?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE**

**(SHRIMATI KRISHNA RAJ)**

(a)&(b): No, Sir. Milk production in the country has grown at the rate of 5.78% annually between 2014-15 and 2016-17 (increased from 143.6 million tonnes during 2014-15 to 163.7 million tonnes during 2016-17) and its benefit goes to 70 million rural household engaged in dairying including 52.67 million small and marginal farmers. The gross value added from the milk group at the current basic has increased from Rs.3.28 lakh crores to Rs.4.92 lakh crores between 2011-12 and 2014-15. This shows that milk production is viable and profitable occupation both for small and marginal farmers and others.

(c): In order to supplement and complement the efforts made by the States in making milk production profitable and also to provide benefits to farmers for cattle & buffalo breeding; livestock health; animal nutrition and livestock insurance Government is implementing following programmes / schemes:

- i. Rashtriya Gokul Mission (National Programme for Bovine Breeding, Indigenous Breeds and National Mission on Bovine Productivity)
- ii. Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme
- iii. National Programme for Dairy Development
- iv. National Dairy Plan-I
- v. National Livestock Mission
- vi. Livestock Health & Disease Control Programme

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