GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3254 TO BE ANSWERED ON 7TH AUGUST, 2018

INCREASE MILK PRODUCTION

3254. SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details regarding milk production against demands in domestic and international markets;
- (b) whether excess domestic production of milk and dairy products in the recent period has affected remunerative returns for farmers engaged in milk production; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to safeguard the interests of the farmers producing milk and to promote export of milk and dairy products in the international market?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA RAJ)

(a) Milk Production during the last three years in India and World is given below;

Year	Milk Production (in million metric tonnes)				
	INDIA	WORLD			
2014-15	146.31	815.4			
2015-16	155.49	800.2			
2016-17	165.40	811.9			

By and large the milk produced in the country is consumed in the country. The information on demand in domestic and international markets are not available in the Department.

- (b) This department has no report on effect of excess domestic production of milk on remunerative returns for farmers engaged in milk production. However, reports on reduction in procurement prices of milk in some states have been received in the department.
- (c) To safeguard the interests of the farmers producing milk and to promote export of milk and dairy products in the international market following steps were taken by the Government:
 - 1. D/o Revenue vide notification dated 27.03.2018 has increased the import duty of Whey Powder from 30% to 40%.

- 2. D/o Commerce vide notification dated 13.07.2018 has allowed 10% export incentive under Merchandise Export from India Scheme (MEIS) for all dairy products.
- 3. Advisory to all the States to include supply of milk/milk products of Cooperatives through Mid-day Meal Scheme, Anganwadis under Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS), Health schemes, Tribal Hostels and Government/Institutional canteen.
- 4. Advise to all State Governments and State Milk Federations to use Public Distribution System of State Governments to market surplus milk.
- 5. The State Government of Bihar and Rajasthan issued order to provide milk powder to children of Anganwadi centres under ICDS.
- 6. State Governments of Gujarat and Maharashtra have announced to provide subsidy of Rs 50/Kg for skim Milk Powder.
- 7. A Scheme named "Support to State Cooperative Dairy Federation" has been approved to provide working capital loan to State Cooperatives and Federations with a corpus of Rs 300 Crore.
