GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.295

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.295 TO BE ANSWERED ON 4TH FEBRUARY 2020

CONSTRAINTS IN DAIRYING SECTOR

295. SHRI DEVJI M.PATEL:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact the greatest constraint in the dairying sector is the storage and marketing of the dairy products as milk is a highly perishable item and the whole enterprise of the farmers goes waste if it is not properly stored/processed and if so, the steps taken for marketing and storage of dairy products by the Government;
- (b) whether the farmers in the country including Rajasthan own on an average two or three milch cattle and it is not easy for him to manage storage and marketing at his level, if so, the scheme chalked out by the Government to enable small farmers with two or three milch cattles to undertake storage of milk and initial processing thereof; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING (DR.SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) Yes Sir. Government of India is implementing Dairy Development schemes to provide facilities for storage and marketing of milk & milk products. Besides, State Governments also provide financial assistance for storage and marketing of milk & milk products.

Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying (DAHD) is providing assistance to cooperatives for village level bulk milk coolers (BMCs) which are installed to cool and preserve milk. As on March 2019, BMC storage capacity at village level and processing facilities at district/regional level available with the dairy cooperatives in the country are 41447 Thousand Litres and 88274 Thousand Litres Per Day respectively. This Department is implementing following schemes for creation/strengthening infrastructure for collection, chilling, processing and marketing of milk and milk products:-

- (i) National Programme for Dairy Development
- (ii) National Dairy Plan-Phase I
- (iii) Dairy Processing and Infrastructure Development Fund
- (iv) Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme

(b) & (c) As per 19th Livestock Census 2012, there are 190.90 million numbers of cattle in the country owned by 65 million numbers of households. In a cooperative system, farmers owning milch cattle organise dairy cooperative societies (DCS) at village level where they pour milk. The milk so collected from a cluster of such DCS are stored and cooled in BMCs located at one of these DCS. DAHD provides assistance for BMCs to dairy cooperatives for installation at village level dairy cooperative societies to cool and preserve milk. In Rajasthan, as on December 2019, there are 2686 number of BMCs with installed capacity of 4410 Thousand Litre and 15017 numbers of registered dairy cooperative societies covering 8.20 lakh farmers.

In the country, as on March 2019, there is an installed BMC capacity of 41447 Thousand Litre and 1.91 lakh number of dairy cooperative societies covering 169.29 lakh farmer members.
