

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3489
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17TH DECEMBER, 2024

MILK PRODUCERS IN MAHARASHTRA

3489. SHRI ANUP SANJAY DHOTRE:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any data on number of milk producers in Maharashtra who have been adversely affected by this policy change and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has any proposal to consult with representatives from the dairy industry in Maharashtra before deciding to lower import duties on powdered milk and if so, the outcomes of these consultations;
- (c) the measures taken by the Government to implement and support milk producers in Maharashtra who are facing financial difficulties due to the lower import duties on powdered milk;
- (d) the manner in which the Government intend to ensure fair market conditions for domestic milk producers in Maharashtra amidst increased competition from cheaper imported powdered milk; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to regulate or stabilize milk prices to safeguard the interests of local producers and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) & (b) The Import duty on Skimmed Milk Powder has not been lowered and hence milk producers are not adversely affected.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) & (e) 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. Prices are decided by the cooperative and private dairies based on their cost of production and market forces.

However, Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying (DAHD), GoI is implementing the following Dairy Development schemes across the country including Maharashtra to 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 enhance income of milk producers from dairy farming.
