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MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3535
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17TH DECEMBER, 2024

MILK PRODUCTION IN MAHARASHTRA

3535. SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH ALIAS PAVAN RAJENIMBALKAR:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government fixed the price of buffalo and cow milk in the country;
- (b) the total quantity of cow and buffalo milk collected in the State of Maharashtra every day;
- (c) the daily milk production and requirement in Maharashtra State;
- (d) the decision taken by the Government to give the better rate of milk to farmers;
- (e) whether the production of milk is less than its requirement in Maharashtra;
- (f) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that large quantities of artificial milk containing chemicals is produced in the country;
- (g) if so, the name of the companies and the dairies making it and whether appropriate steps have been taken by the Government to stop this; and
- (h) the details of action taken against those manufacturing artificial milk containing chemicals?

ANSWER

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

(a) 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.

(b) to (e) As per Basic Animal Husbandry Statistics 2024 the Estimated milk production in the State of Maharashtra is 160.45 Lakh tonnes during 2023-24 i.e 439.59 Lakh Litre Per Day (LLPD). As reported by Government Maharashtra, in the month of October, 2024, the average Procurement of milk was 171.16 Lakh Kg per Day and the average sale of milk is 145.21 LLPD. These figures indicate that the milk production is more than adequate to meet the demand.

Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying (DAHD), GoI is implementing the following Dairy Development schemes across the country including Maharashtra to complement and 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 stabilize milk prices and also help to enhance income from dairy farming.

(f) to (h) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has conducted the Milk and Milk Product Surveillance Drive in 2023. wherein, 1605 random samples of milk were collected and analysed covering 756 districts of 36 States/UTs of which none of the samples were found adulterated with chemicals viz. detergents, sulphates and formaldehyde. However, only 3 samples (0.18%) had Melamine more than the FSSR specified limit.

Out of 1605 samples, 85 samples of milk were collected from Maharashtra of which none of the samples were found adulterated with chemicals viz. melamine, detergents, sulphates and formaldehyde.
