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 MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING  
 DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING  
 LOK SABHA  
 UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3563  
 TO BE ANSWERED ON 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2024

**INCREASE IN MILK PRICE**

3563. SHRI BHAUSAHEB RAJARAM WAKCHAURE:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the milk business is proving to be very harmful for farmers for the last few years, the main reason for which is that the price of milk is low and the excise duty is constantly increasing and today the cost of production of one liter of milk is 27 rupees and the milk producing farmers gets only 18 to 22 rupees for one liter of milk and the initial days the cow gives a good amount of milk, after a few months the milk production decrease and after 6 or 7 years the cow stops giving milk completely and in such a situation, due to the ban on cow slaughter, the farmers are not able to sell the infertile cow and also are not able to take care of it, due to which they have to face financial crisis;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps or propose to take any steps to provide guaranteed price to milk producers in the same manner as it provides guaranteed price to farmers for sugarcane and other crops?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

(SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS LALAN SINGH)

- (a) No such report has been received in the Department. During the last five years, milk processing infrastructure in cooperative sector has increased by 41% along with increase in milk production by 31% from 187.7 MMT in FY 2018-19 to 239.3 MMT in FY 2023-24 which indicates the progressive growth of milk business.
- (b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.
- (c) 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 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.

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