

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2573
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5TH AUGUST 2025

MILK PROCUREMENT RATE COMMITTEES

2573. Dr. Amol Ramsing Kolhe:

Shri Bhaskar Murlidhar Bhagare:

Shri Sanjay Dina Patil:

Smt. Supriya Sule:

Prof. Varsha Eknath Gaikwad:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that dairy farmers, especially in States like Maharashtra, receive an average procurement price of only 32 per litre, while consumers pay up to 60 per litre, reflecting a disparity of nearly 87.5 percent;
- (b) if so, the reasons for such disparity, including the impact of intermediary costs, alleged malpractices in milk quality testing, and unregulated pricing by private dairies, which reportedly handle over 74 per cent of milk procurement in the country;
- (c) whether the State level Milk Procurement Rate Committees in certain States are unable to ensure fair pricing due to lack of enforcement powers over private players;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to introduce reforms such as establishment of a Milk Marketing and Regulatory Board for mandatory monthly reporting on adulteration levels and a Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP)-like mechanism for milk; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the proposed timeline by which it is likely to be implemented?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
(PROF. S.P. SINGH BAGHEL)

- (a) The Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying (DAHD), Government of India does not regulate the procurement and sale prices of milk. These are determined by cooperative and private dairies based on factors such as cost of production, stocks of dairy commodities (e.g., white butter, skimmed milk powder), and prevailing domestic and international market conditions. However, DAHD regularly monitors the milk situation in coordination with State Milk Federations and other stakeholders. As per the Milk Situation Report for June 2025, the all India average procurement price paid to farmers was approximately Rs.47.70 per kg of milk containing 6% fat and 9% solids-not-fat (SNF), while the all India average sale price stood at Rs.65.04 per litre. This indicates that about 73% of consumer price is returned to farmers. Similarly, in Maharashtra, the State Government reported an average procurement price of Rs.49 per kg for milk with the same composition, and an average sale price of about Rs 70 per litre reflecting that nearly 70% of consumer price directly benefits farmers.
- (b) Does not arise in view of (a) above with respect to milk procurement and milk price. As regards the quality of milk, Food safety Standards for milk and milk products comes under the preview of Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, and they are taking enforcement measures to prevent adulteration.
- (c) to (e) Does not arise in view of (a)
