

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4340
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19TH AUGUST, 2025

IMPORT OF MILK

4340. SHRI T R BAALU:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether due to acute shortage in domestic production of milk and milk products there is needs to import milk and its products in near future about 3.5 Crore tonnes annually and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is true that according to a recent study by SBI, imports of dairy products including milk will adversely affect the livelihood of domestic milk producers and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to increase domestic production of milk and protect dairying industry in the country?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

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(a) & (b): No Sir. The Government of India, in consultation with State/Union Territory milk federations and other stakeholders, regularly monitors the milk situation in the country. The situation has remained stable owing to adequate commodity stocks with stakeholders. The estimated milk production during 2023-24 stood at 239.30 million tonnes with per capita availability of 471 gram per day.

India is a member country of World Trade Organization (WTO) and follows all the regulations of the WTO for international trade including the agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) measures. The milk products complying with India's SPS measures and applicable import tariffs are imported in the country in a limited quantity.

(c) Government of India is implementing following dairy development schemes across the country to complement and supplement the efforts made by the State Governments in increasing domestic milk production and protecting dairy industry:

- (i) **Rashtriya Gokul Mission:** Aims at the conservation and development of indigenous bovine breeds through scientific breeding and genetic improvement to enhance productivity and increase milk production.
- (ii) **National Programme for Dairy Development:** Aims to enhance quality of milk and milk products and increase share of organized milk procurement.
- (iii) **Supporting Dairy Cooperatives and Farmer Producer Organisations engaged in dairy activities:** Aims to strengthen dairy cooperatives and farmer producer organizations by providing them with working capital loans and facilitating market access, ensuring timely and remunerative payments to dairy farmers
- (iv) **Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund:** Incentivizes private investments in dairy processing, meat processing, animal feed plants, breed improvement, vaccine production, and animal waste management.
