

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 272
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2nd DECEMBER 2025

DAIRY FARMERS IN TRIBAL AND AGENCY AREAS IN ANDHRA PRADESH

272. SHRI PUTTA MAHESH KUMAR:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that dairy farmers in tribal and agency areas are being exploited with low procurement rates for milk (around Rs. 45 per litre) due to lack of proper collection centres and transparency in procurement systems; and
- (b) if so, the number of milk collection centres being operated by the Central Government or its agencies in tribal and agency regions of Andhra Pradesh and the steps taken by the Government to ensure fair pricing and development of dairy farmers?

ANSWER

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

- (a) and (b) The Milk Prices are decided by the cooperative and private dairies based on their cost of production and market forces. The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD) regularly monitors the milk situation in the country, in consultation with State milk federations and other stakeholders, to ensure fair price realization for farmers and affordability for consumers. As reported by Andhra Pradesh Dairy Development Co-operative Federation Ltd, a total of 137 tribal mandals are spread across 12 districts of Andhra Pradesh, out of which 1,118 villages across 121 mandals are covered under various Central and State Government of India schemes for establishment and upgradation of milk collection centres in tribal and agency regions. Procurement channels and market linkages have been extended to get the best possible price to the dairying farmers against the quality of milk poured. Currently, the buffalo milk price payable to the dairying farmers ranging from ₹45.65 to ₹83.00 per litre and cow milk ₹34.50 to ₹41.75 per litre.
