

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1859  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2023

**MEASURES TO CONTROL PRICES OF MILK**

**1859: DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH:**

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that the milk inflation is at its current high of 8-9 per cent;
- (b) if so, whether Government plans to initiate any measure to ease the burden faced by consumers due to high prices of milk; and
- (c) whether Government has any plan to encourage small farmers to continue producing milk in light of high prices of animal fodder?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING  
(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)**

- (a) As per All India Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Combined sector of the Item "Milk", year-on-year Inflation rate was 9.65% in February 2023, 9.30% in March 2023, 8.85% in May 2023 and has moderated to 8.56% in June, 2023 (provisional). This is in decreasing trend.
- (b) Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD), Government of India (GoI) does not regulate procurement and sale prices of milk in the country. Prices are decided by the cooperative and private dairies based on their cost of production and market forces. However, this Department is implementing following Dairy Development schemes to help improve milk production and to meet the increasing demand of milk and milk products in the country to complement and supplement the efforts made by the States:
  - i. National Programme for Dairy Development (NPDD)
  - ii Dairy Processing & Infrastructure Development Fund (DIDF)
  - iii Supporting Dairy Cooperatives & Farmer Producer Organisations engaged in dairy activities (SDCFPO)
  - iv Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF)
  - v Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM)
  - vi National Livestock Mission (NLM)
  - vii Livestock Health and Disease Control Programme (LHDCP)

(c) The above schemes help improving milk productivity of bovines, enhancing availability of feed and fodder and providing animal health services. These interventions help to reduce the cost of milk production and thereby help stabilize milk prices and also help to enhance income from dairy farming. Further, based on the recommendation of this Department, Ministry of Commerce, vide its notification no. 21/2023 dated 28.07.2023, has enforced an amendment order banning export of De-oiled rice bran upto 30.11.2023 to help ease its availability.

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