

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1451  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2019

**PRICING OF MILK BY DAIRY COOPERATIVES**

1451. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether dairy cooperatives sell milk to consumers at the rate of Rs. 50-55 though they purchase it at the rate of only Rs. 25-30 from the dairy farmers who contribute immensely in dairy market and industry in the country including Rajasthan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to fix the minimum support price for milk to ensure remunerative prices of milk and milk products to dairy farmers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
(SHRIMATI KRISHNA RAJ)

(a) & (b) The price of milk is paid based on the fat and SNF content in the milk. As per the information received from National Dairy Development Board (NDDB), the Co-operative societies sell full cream milk (6% fat and 9% solid not fat) to the consumers at the rate of Rs 48 to 56 per litre and pay Rs 29 to 39 per litre for milk (6% fat and 9% solid not fat) to the farmers. Most of the dairy cooperatives pay to their producers the maximum share of the consumer rupee ( about 60-80 per cent) which is highest in the world. Further member farmers also receive annual bonuses plus various input services like veterinary services, Artificial Insemination (AI), cattle feed at subsidized rates etc and around the year market access by the cooperatives.

(c) & (d) Government does not control prices of milk. This department does not have any proposal to fix MSP for milk in the country. Milk is a highly perishable product and prices are decided by the Cooperative and Private dairies based on cost of production.

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