

(b) whether the recommendations of Dr. M.S. Swaminathan Committee are being implemented and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) Government is implementing various watershed development programmes namely (i) National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPA), (ii) Soil Conservation for Enhancing Productivity of Degraded Lands in the Catchments of River Valley Project and Flood Prone River (RVP & FPR), (iii) Reclamation of Alkali Soil (RAS), (iv) Watershed Development Project in Shifting Cultivation Areas (WDPSA) (v) Watershed Development Fund (WDF), (vi) Externally Aided Projects (EAPs), (vii) Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP), (viii) Desert Development Programme (DDP), (ix) Integrated Wasteland Project (IWDP) and (x) National Afforestation & Eco-Development Project (NAEP) through different Ministries in the country for management and development of the degraded lands. Under these programmes since inception up to the end of X-Five Year Plan, about 51 million ha. of degraded lands is developed.

(b) Government has taken necessary action to expedite examination of the Revised Draft National Policy for Farmers and other recommendations. A conference of State Ministers for Agriculture and allied sectors was held on 22nd December, 2006 to discuss and obtain their views on the recommendations made by the National Commission on Farmers. While examining the reports as well as Revised Draft National Policy for Farmers it was observed that many recommendations of National Commission on Farmers are already under implementation through several initiatives and programmes/schemes launched.

Prices of milk

†1953. SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) to what extent prices of milk has been increased during the past two years;

(b) whether this increase is owing to the conspiracy of foreign milk companies to capture the milk business of the country; and

(c) if so, the action being taken by Government to prevent it and to provide cheaper milk to the consumers?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) Statement indicating extent to which prices of milk has increased/price range of milk at selected centres in the country during the last two years 2005 and 2006 is enclosed (*See* below).

(b) and (c) No such report has been received in this Department. However, in order to check the increase in prices of milk, Government of India has banned export of all types of milk powders vide notification dated 9-2-2007 till 30th September 2007.

Statement

*Extent to which prices of milk has increased/price range of milk
at selected centres in the country during the last two years
2005 and 2006*

Sl. No.	Centre	Price range-2005 Rs./litre	Price range-2006 Rs./litre'
1.	Shimla	13.0 to 17.0	16.0 to 17.0
2.	Lucknow	18.0 to 20.0	18.0 to 21.0
3.	Delhi	15.0	15.0 to 17.0
4.	Ahmedabad	20.0	20.0
5.	Bhopal	16.0 to 18.0	16.0 to 18.0
6.	Mumbai	14.0	14.0 to 17.0
7.	Jaipur	12.0 to 14.0	13.0
8.	Guwahati	16.0	18.0
9.	Patna	12.0	12.0
10.	Shillong	26.0 to 28.0	28.0 to 30.0
11.	Aizwal	26.0	26.0 to 28.0
12.	Bhubaneshwar	14.0	14.0 to 16.0
13.	Kolkata	19.0 to 23.0	23.0 to 27.0
14.	Hyderabad	15.0	15.0 to 18.0
15.	Bangalore	13.0	13.0 to 14.0
16.	Thiruvananthapuram	14.0 to 16.0	15.Q
17.	Chennai	14.0	14.0

Source: Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
Department of Consumer Affairs (Price Monitoring Cell).