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RAJYA SABHA

*Statement-III*

*MSP of Wheat from 2001-02 to 2005-06*

	(Rs. per quintal)
Year	MSP
2001-02	620
2002-03	620\$
2003-04	630
2004-05	640
2005-06	650*

\$ In addition, a Special Drought Relief Price of Rs. 10 per quintal was also given.

\* In addition, an incentive bonus of Rs. 50 per quintal was also announced.

**Milk Production**

† 1176. SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI:  
SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage of share of Rajasthan in the total production of milk in the country;
- (b) the per capita availability of milk in Rajasthan, Punjab and Haryana; and
- (c) the details of production of milk during the last three years under white revolution scheme of the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) The percentage share of Rajasthan in the total production of milk in 2004-05 was 9.2.

(b) The per-capita availability of milk during 2004-05 for the States of Rajasthan, Punjab and Haryana is:—

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State	Per-capita availability (gm/day)
Rajasthan	376
Punjab	917
Haryana	631

(c) The production of milk in the country during last three years were:-

Year	Milk Production (million tonnes)
2002-03	86.2
2003-04	88.1
2004-05	90.7

#### **Employment opportunities in agriculture sector**

† 1177. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:  
SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: SHRI  
SHAHID SIDDIQUI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether employment opportunities in agricultural and its ancillary sectors are continuously diminishing;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether according to the National Sample Survey, 40 per cent of the farmers are intended to avoid agriculture; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to raise the development rate and employment opportunities in agriculture sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILALBHURIA) (a) As per population census 1991, the total number of cultivators and agricultural workers was 185.3 million. Their number increased to 234.1 million in 2001 census, recording an increase of 26.33 percent over 1991 census. As per the National Sample Survey

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