

Mother Dairy, Delhi with net increase of Rs. 3 per litre for Toned Milk, Rs. 2 per litre for Double Toned Milk and Rs. 7 per litre for Full Cream Milk. The price of milk was increased in Delhi by Delhi Milk Scheme and Mother Dairy in the months of August, September and November in 2009 and March, June and July in 2010.

(b) Milk Production generally increases during the month of October to March known as flush season and decreases during months April to September known as lean season.

(c) Price of milk was increased only once in the month of July, 2010, by Delhi Milk Scheme and Mother Dairy, Delhi.

(d) and (e) The sale price of milk is decided by the State Milk Federations/District Milk Unions. Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries is monitoring the milk situation in the country with objective of ensuring availability of milk in the domestic market at a reasonable price. During March, 2010, Government allowed NDDB to import 30,000 MT of milk powder and 15,000 MT of Butter oil/ Anhydrous Milk Fat (AMF) at 0% duty for use by Milk Federations and Metro Dairies to maintain supply of liquid milk to consumers at a reasonable price.

Purchase of land abroad to grow pulses and oilseeds

2906. SHRI AMAR SINGH:

SHRI A. ELAVARASAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some State Governments have suggested Central Government to buy land abroad to grow pulses and edible oil seeds in order to meet domestic demand;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the stand of Government in connection with this suggestion made by the group of Chief Ministers of some States; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.