

Price of hike of milk

†2894. SHRI KAPTAN SINGH SOLANKI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the price of milk has been increased seven times during last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that milk is 21 percent costlier this year in comparison to last year; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) and (b) The price of milk was increased two to six times by metro dairies in four metro cities during last three years, which is given as below:

City	Price (in Rs. per litre)		Number of times price increased after July, 07
	July,07	July, 10	
Delhi	18	24	6
Kolkata	18	24	4
Mumbai	17	24	3
Chennai	13.75	17.75	2

(c) and (d) No Sir, the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) of milk has increased by 19.03% in last one year, Prices of milk have been increased due to increase in cost of production.

Assistance to suicide-prone districts of Andhra Pradesh

2895. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of allocation made to 16 districts in Andhra Pradesh which are identified as suicide-prone districts of the State;

(b) the details of utilization of the above amount, district-wise;

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