

The network programme on Climate Change was initiated by ICAR during X Plan with a budget allocation of about Rs. 10.00 crores to address the vulnerability, impact, adaptation and mitigation of Indian agriculture to climate change. The program has been extended during XI Plan period with additional centres with more thrust on adaptation and mitigation strategies. The budget approved for XI Plan for the project is Rs. 15.15 crores.

Besides, contingency plans are also developed for implementation by the states to mitigate the adverse effect of extreme events like drought and flood, etc. Keeping in view the climate change impact on agriculture, drought, heat tolerant varieties and short duration varieties are encouraged under Second green revolution as well as under crop development schemes.

Milk production in metro cities

1094. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total requirement and availability of milk in the metro cities including Mumbai;
- (b) whether the available milk quantity is sufficient to meet the daily requirement of metro cities, specially Mumbai; and
- (c) if not, whether Government is making any plan for increasing milk production in metro cities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) No authentic data is available on requirement and availability of milk in the metro cities in the country.

(b) Authentic data on demand of milk in the country is not available. The daily requirement of milk in the metro cities is being met at the prevailing prices.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply at (b). This Department is implementing the following schemes of Dairy Development and for increasing productivity in the country including metro cities:

1. Intensive Dairy Development Programme
2. Strengthening Infrastructure for Quality & Clean Milk Production
3. Assistance to Cooperatives
4. Dairy Venture Capital Fund/Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme
5. National Project for Cattle and Buffalo Breeding.