

In addition to above, National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) has formulated the National Dairy Plan (NDP) Phase-I for a period of six years from 2011-12 to 2016-17 with the following objectives:

(i) To help increase productivity of milch animals and thereby increase milk production to meet the rapidly growing demand for milk.

(ii) To help provide rural milk producers with greater access to the organised milk-processing sector.

(e) Does not arise.

Profit margin of farmers

†1865. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the profit margin of farmers remains the same despite having bumper crops;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) the reasons for the above said situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) to (c) Profit margin measured in terms of returns on per hectare cost of cultivation vary, according to the extent to which yield of crops fluctuate year to year. In case of bumper crops where prices are expected to fall, the instrument of Minimum Support Price (MSP) protects the farmers against the likely fall in prices. Hence, profit margins do not remain the same and vary according to the extent to which yields of crops fluctuate year to year.

Plan to increase wheat production in States

†1866. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

SHRI RAMCHANDRA PRASAD SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that per hectare production of wheat in the country during 2010-11 has been estimated to be 2.94 ton;

(b) if not, the facts in this regard;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.