

Demand and supply of milk

784. DR. T.N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether production of milk in the country is keeping pace with the growth of population;
- (b) the present demand and supply of milk in the country;
- (c) whether India has achieved targeted success in milk production through cooperative sector during last three years; and
- (d) if so, the extent thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHARAN DAS MAHANT): (a) The compounded annual growth rate of milk production was higher compared to the average exponential growth of human population during the period 2001 to 2011.

(b) There is no authentic data available with this Department with regard to the demand of milk. The anticipated milk production during the year 2011-12 is 127.29 million tonnes.

(c) and (d) India has achieved significant success in milk production and cooperatives have played an important role. The growth in milk procurement and marketing by the cooperative sector during the last three years is tabulated below:—

Parameter/s	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Milk Procurement (Lakh kg./day)	250.89	258.64	262.12
Milk Marketing (Lakh litres/day)	201.03	211.25	219.87

Source: National Dairy Development Board.

Loss of crops and livestock due to drought in Maharashtra

785. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether more than ten thousand villages in fifteen districts of Maharashtra were recently affected by worst drought conditions resulting in enormous loss of crops and livestock;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the relief measures extended to the affected farmers and others in these villages by Central and State Governments;
- (d) whether recovery of loans have been halted by Banks from the affected farmers and others and new loans are being given for new crop season;