

**Production of milk**

1573. SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that production of milk in the country is highest compared to other countries;
- (b) if so, Government's reaction in this regard;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that despite highest production the quantity is less than that required in the country; and
- (d) whether Government would consider new means to encourage more production of milk in order to meet the demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. CHARAN DAS MAHANT): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, as per Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), India is the highest milk producing Country in the World.

(c) Production of milk at national level is by and large sufficient to meet the domestic demand of milk and milk products in the Country.

(d) Government of India has approved the National Dairy Plan Phase-I (NDP-I) for a period of six years from 2011-12 to 2016-17 on 16th March, 2012 as a Central Sector Scheme. NDP-I is being implemented with a total investment of about Rs. 2,242 crore comprising Rs. 1584 crore as International Development Association (IDA) credit, Rs. 176 crore as Government of India share, Rs. 282 crore as share of End Implementing Agencies (EIAs) that will carry out the projects in the participating States and Rs. 200 crore by National Dairy Development Board (NDDB). NDP-I has the following objectives:

- To help increase productivity of milch animals and thereby increase milk production to meet the rapidly growing demand of milk.
- To help provide rural milk producers with greater access to the organized milk processing sector.

**Implementation of RKVY in U.P.**

1574. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the targets of the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) in the State of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the total amount allocated and released for Uttar Pradesh under RKVY, project-wise; and

(c) the details of total utilization of the funds and results of the scheme, achieved so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR): (a) Under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), States specific targets are not fixed by Government of India. Under the scheme, State Governments have the flexibility of choosing programmes, which in their view, are appropriate for increasing production and productivity in agriculture and allied sectors in the State.

(b) The details of allocation, releases and utilization of funds reported by the State Government of Uttar Pradesh during the years 2007-08 to 2012-13 is as under:

(Rs. in crore)			
Year	Allocation	Release	Utilization
2007-08	116.15	103.90	103.90
2008-09	316.57	316.57	316.57
2009-10	390.97	390.97	390.97
2010-11	635.92	695.36	695.36
2011-12	757.26	762.83	579.66
2012-13	432.26	122.01	0.00

(c) During XIth Plan Period, State Government of Uttar Pradesh has approved 262 projects under RKVY, of which 123 projects are completed.

#### **Arsenic content in basmati rice**

1575. SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the US Food and Drug Administration has found arsenic content in 30 samples of Indian basmati rice in the recent past;