

when the prices tend to fall below the economic level/cost of production. Losses, if any, incurred by the procuring agencies are shared by the Central Government and the concerned State Government on 50:50 basis (75:25 in case of North-Eastern States).

Milk yielding capacity of cows

1343. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the milk yield of Indian cows has decreased because of climate change;

(b) if so, the steps Government proposes to take to improve the milk yielding capacity of Indian cows;

(c) whether National Dairy Research and Development Board has sought more aid for Research and Development in this regard; and

(d) if so, the steps Government proposes to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT): (a) As informed by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) there is no conclusive evidence that the milk yield of Indian cows has decreased because of Climate change.

(b) In order to complement and supplement the efforts made by the States to increase milk production and productivity of Indian cows Government of India is implementing following schemes:

(i) National Programme for Bovine Breeding and Dairy Development (NPBBDD)

(ii) Rashtriya Gokul Mission part of NPBBDD

(iii) National Dairy Plan-I

(c) and (d) As informed by ICAR the National Dairy Research Institute (NDRI) has already received assistance and institute is working on this line.

Assistance to Myanmar in agriculture

†1344. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating upon providing assistance to Myanmar in the field of agriculture;

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