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MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING  
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2151  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 2021

**INFORMATION ASYMMETRY AMONG FARMERS**

2151 SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV:

Will the Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying be pleased to state:

(a) whether a major challenge in the dairying and animal husbandry sector is information asymmetry among farmers and statistics indicate that small and marginal farmers have access to only 50-70 per cent of the resources that large and medium farmers have and also ensuring the presence of collectives in the form of cooperatives and milk unions play a significant role in development of this sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken in this regard to solve such issues?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING  
(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)**

(a) & (b) There are ample of collectives in the form of cooperatives and milk unions operating in the country for development of animal husbandry and dairying sector. As per NDDDB's Annual report 2019-20, cooperative milk unions covered about 1,94,195 village dairy cooperative societies (DCS) with a cumulative membership of 17.22 million milk producers and making average milk procurement of 48.04 million kg per day. Further, to expand dairy cooperative network across the country, the following dairy development schemes are implemented by the Government to supplement the efforts of the State Governments :-

- i. National Programme for Dairy Development
- ii. Dairy Processing and Infrastructure Development Fund
- iii. Supporting Dairy Cooperatives and Farmer Producer Organizations engaged in dairy activities

In addition, the Government is undertaking extensive publicity and extension activities under various animal husbandry and dairy schemes for spreading awareness among livestock farmers.

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