GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2340 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 17TH DECEMBER 2021

AVAILABILITY OF MILK

2340. SHRI S. SELVAGANABATHY:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that per capita availability of milk in the country is 394 gms per day;

(b) whether it is also a fact that many States are not getting even the national average;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Puducherry's per capita availability is much below the national average and stands at just 106 gms per day; and

(d) if so, the measures Government is taking to ensure that people of Puducherry get at least the national average?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING (SHRI PARSHOTTAMRUPALA)

(a): No, Sir. The per capita availability of milk in country during year 2019-20 is 406 gms per day. The All India per capita availability of milk during last three years is given below-

| Per Capita Availability of Milk during 2017-18 to 2019-20 | |
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| Year | Per Capita Availability(in gram/day) |
| 2017-18 | 370 |
| 2018-19 | 390 |
| 2019-20 | 406 |

(b): There are some states whose per capita availability of milk is below the National Average.

(c) and (d) The per capita availability of milk in Puducherry is 90 gm per day in year 2019-20. The Govt. is taking all necessary steps through its various schemes viz. Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM), National Programme for Dairy Development (NPDD), National Animal Disease Control Programme (NADCP)etc. to increase the availability of milk.

Through these schemes' measures taken to increase the milk production are:- increasing cattle population through selective high genetic breed, by providing free treatment to cattle, its deworming and vaccinations and other services. Awareness is created among the farmers regarding the Animal Husbandry management of the cattle to increase cattle population and production of milk in order to achieve self-sufficiency in milk production in next three years.
