

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1975  
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PROBLEMS FACED BY MILK PRODUCERS IN RURAL AREAS  
GORDHANBHAI JAVIA

**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the milk producers in rural areas are facing problems due to the import of milk;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the remedial steps taken by the Government to provide relief to them?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV):

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) In view of position at (a) above question does not arise.
- (c) To safeguard the interests of the Rural Milk Producers the Government had taken the following steps:
  1. The import duty on skimmed milk powder (SMP) and whole milk powder (WMP) had been enhanced from zero to 60% with annual tariff rate quota of 10,000 MT for both lines together at 15% duty after negotiations under Article XXVII of GATT.
  2. The import duty on butter oil has also been enhanced to 40%.
  3. The Livestock Importation Act 1898 has been amended so as to allow the import of livestock products including milk and milk products against sanitary import permit after conducting for risk analysis under the provision of Sanitary and Phyto-Sanitary Agreement of WTO.