

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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OPERATION FLOOD
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Operation flood is being launched in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is a vast scope to create employment through dairy development;
- (d) if so, the achievement made under the programme in the country particularly in Maharashtra; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for the promotion and expansion of dairy development programmes in the country during the Tenth Five Year Plan?

Answer

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

(a) and (b) Operation Flood Programme commenced in July, 1970 and ended in April, 1996.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. As on March 2003, 1.03 lakh village co-operative societies were organised covering 114.44 lakh farmer members. In Maharashtra, as on March, 2003 17,534 village level dairy co-operatives societies were organised covering 16.06 lakh farmer members.

(e) During 10th Five Year Plan, Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying in Government of India is implementing the following schemes for expansion of dairy development in the country :

1. National Project for Cattle and Buffalo Breeding.
2. Assistance to States for Feed and Fodder Development
3. Assistance to State for Control of Animal Diseases
4. National Project on Rinderpest Eradication
5. Assistance to Co-operatives
6. Integrated Dairy Development Programme (IDDP)
7. Strengthening infrastructure for quality and clean miik production.