

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF MILK CREAM
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total production of milk cream recorded in the country during the last three years and till date;
- (b) whether import of milk cream has increased;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken to discontinue import of milk cream?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): Milk cream is mainly produced as an intermediate product for production of butter and ghee. No authentic data is available for the production of milk cream in the country. However, the estimates of milk production in the country for the past three years and year 2004-05 (provisional) are as follows:

Year ('000 M tonnes)

2001-02	84406
2002-03	86159
2003-04	88082
2004-05 (prov.)	91000

(b)&(c): A statement giving information on import of milk and cream etc. during 2001-02 to 2003-04 and year 2004-05 (upto November 2004) is annexed.

(d): After the removal of the quantitative restriction on import of various livestock products including the dairy products, there has been amendment in the Livestock Importation Act, 1898 bringing the import of livestock products including dairy products under its purview. The import of these products is allowed against the Sanitary Import Permit after conducting the Risk analysis on the basis of disease situation of exporting countries vis-À-vis the disease situation of the importing countries so as to prevent the ingress of exotic diseases into the country.