

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:251  
ANSWERED ON:21.03.2005  
MILK YIELD  
Singh Shri Rakesh

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that average milk yield per milch animal in the country is much lower than that of the World average;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE ( SHRI SHARAD PAWAR )

(a)to(c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.251 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21ST MARCH, 2005.

(a): Yes Sir. The average milk yield of cattle in India is significantly lower than the world average. But the average milk yield of buffaloes in India is marginally higher than the World average.

(b): Poor genetic quality (as evidenced by much higher proportion of indigenous cattle compared to crossbred and high yielding cattle) and inadequate availability of feed and fodder of nutritional value are the main reasons.

(c): The Government of India is implementing the following schemes:

- (i) National Project for Cattle and Buffalo breeding for genetic upgradation,
- (ii) Assistance to States for Control of Animal Diseases,
- (iii) Regional Forage Production and Demonstration,
- (iv) Central Fodder Seed Production Farm,
- (v) Central Minikit Testing Programme.