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DAIRY INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Dairy Industry is faced with quality constraints, poor data base, inadequate Research and Development facilities, insufficient product development programmes and lack of infrastructure;
- (b) if so, the remedial measures taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (c) the schemes proposed to be launched to improve present status of Dairy Industry?

Answer

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

(a): Due to small herd size and large geographical spread of the Indian milk producers, combined with the high ambient temperature, lack of adequate infrastructure with the regard to roads, electricity, water supply etc in the villages, quality of raw milk received is not as good as that in the developed nations. However with the increasing awareness about quality, steady improvement in quality both at production level and processing stage has been witnessed. The data are available on milk production, but the data on products manufactured especially in unorganized sector of the dairy industry is relatively scanty. India has very good Research and Development (R&D) facilities to cater to the needs of the dairy industry. However, for fully realizing the R&D potential of the relevant institutions, the dairy industry is required to come forward to avail of these facilities by contributing financially to R&D endeavour. A number of new products that have been developed could find a place in the Indian market if the industry is willing to invest in the technology. There is a need to encourage manufacturers of machinery and equipment of collaborate with R&D organizations to manufacture equipment for traditional dairy products with full participation of the user industry.

(b)&(c): Government of India is taking various remedial measures and have launched the following schemes to improve the present status of Dairy Industry:

(i) Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries in Ministry of Agriculture is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Plan Scheme entitled Strengthening Infrastructure for Quality and Clean Milk Production for improving the quality of raw milk by imparting training and creating awareness among milk producers and also by providing chilling facilities for immediate chilling of raw milk.

(ii) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare under the Capacity Building Project funded by the World Bank is providing support for organizing training of industry personnel including those from dairy Sector by providing training manual and financial support with the objective of improving the quality.

(iii) Ministry of Food Processing Industries is implementing a scheme for Technology upgradation/Establishment/Modernization of Food Processing industries including dairy industry. Under this scheme financial assistance is provided mainly for establishment and modernization of food processing units, creation of infrastructure and support for R&D.

(iv) National Dairy Research Institute, an institute of Indian Council of Agricultural Research is developing a scheme, namely Technology Business Incubator with the support of Department of Science and Technology(Government of India) for enabling technology transfer by providing appropriate support