

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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DELHI MILK SCHEME
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the extent of profit/loss of Delhi Milk Scheme(DMS) recorded during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether DMS is running in heavy losses;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by the DMS to boost its operations and to increase the profit?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): The losses of DMS during the last three years and the estimated loss for current year is as under:

(Rs. in lakhs)
Year 2002-03 2003-04 2004-05 2005-06 (Estimated)

Loss 1111.12 2816.24 1777.66 1395.84

(c): DMS is running into losses on account of continuous increase in the cost prices of raw materials and other inputs; lower capacity utilization and higher operational losses due to the plant and machinery, which is very old and labour intensive.

(d): The following steps have been taken by DMS in this regard:

- (i) Outsourcing of transportation and engagement of distributors to further increase sale of milk.
- (ii) Reduction in consumption of electricity and water per unit of milk produced.
- (iii) Custom packing of Mother Dairy milk to utilize the surplus capacity.
- (iv) Modernisation/Upgradation of some part of plant, machinery and equipment to reduce the operational cost.
- (v) Reduction in staff strength by not filling up the vacant posts