

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DAIRY FARMING IN PUNJAB
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the dairy farmers are not getting the remunerative price for their milk in Punjab;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has also agreed to the report of Institute for Development and Communications, Chandigarh which states that dairy farming is unprofitable to Punjab; and
- (d) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to help the dairy farmers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a)&(b): The Punjab State Cooperative Milk Producers' Federation Ltd. is paying remunerative price to its Milk Producer members through District Milk Unions and Village Level Milk Producers' Cooperative Societies for their milk round the year. The average milk procurement price paid to the Producer members for the last five years is as under:-

Year Milk Procurement price per Kg. Fat

2002-03	Rs.150/- to 175/-
2003-04	Rs.160/- to 180/-
2004-05	Rs.160/- to 200/-
2005-06	Rs.165/- to 185/-
2006-07 (upto June, 2006)	Rs.175/- to 200/-

(c): Government of Punjab has not agreed to the report of Institute for Development and Communications, Chandigarh which states that dairy farming is unprofitable in Punjab.

(d): Does not arise in view of (c).