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The average price of milk has not fallen in the past five years and it has been continuously increasing. Further, liquid milk is exempted from Goods and Service Tax (GST)/ excise duty.

Average milk procurement price* (Rs./Litre)		
Year	Buffalo Milk (Fat-6% and SNF 9%)	Cow Milk (Fat- 3.5% and SNF8.5%)
2021-22	39.8	29.4
2022-23	44.3	33.6
2023-24	46.5	35.2
2024-25	47.5	35.5
2025-26	49.2	36.7
*Source: Milk Unions/ Federations Price is inclusive of subsidies provided by State Govts		

During the course of a lactation, the milk yields typically decrease after 4-5 months of lactation. It is a natural phenomenon. Further, on an average, cows-buffaloes in India are producing milk up to the age of 10-12 years.

- c. As per Article 246(3) of the Constitution, under the distribution of legislative powers between the Union and the States, the preservation of animal is a matter on which the State legislature has exclusive powers to legislate
- d. Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD) does not regulate the milk prices in the country. Milk Prices are decided by the cooperative and private dairies based on their cost of production and market forces. However, DAHD is implementing the following schemes across the country to complement and supplement the efforts made by the State Government:

- Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM)
- National Programme for Dairy Development (NPDD)
- Supporting Dairy Cooperatives & Farmer Producer Organisations engaged in dairy activities (SDCFPO)
- Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF)
- National Livestock Mission (NLM)
- Livestock Health and Disease Control Programme (LHDCP)

These schemes are helping in improving milk productivity of bovines, expanding network of dairy cooperatives, strengthening of dairy infrastructure, working capital requirement, enhancing availability of feed and fodder and providing animal health services. These interventions help to reduce the cost of milk production and also help to enhance income of milk producer from dairy farming.

The information was provided by THE MINISTER OF Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, SHRI Rajiv Ranjan Singh Alias Lallan Singh in a written reply to a question in Lok Sabha today.

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