

**CALLING ATTENTION TABLED BY SHRI VISHNU SURYA NAIK WAGH, M.L.A., ST. ANDRE ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCY TO BE ANSWERED ON 5<sup>TH</sup> AUG. 2014.**

**“Anxiety and Doubt in the minds of Dairy Farmers and Dairy Cooperative Societies of Goa on account of news published in the local newspaper of the proposal of setting up of new dairy union in the State of Goa.”**

Answer by Shri Pandurang alias Deepak M. Dhavalikar, Hon'ble Minister for Cooperation.

Sir, in respect of above subject it is informed that State Government is exploring the possibilities of setting up of new dairy union in the State of Goa in order to meet the increasing demands of milk. At present actual requirement of milk per day of the State of Goa is Approximately 3.5 lacks litres. However, presently Goa Dairy Milk Union is producing on an average 78000 litres milk per day, out of which 55000 litres milk is collected from the local farmers and rest of the milk is procured from neighbouring States. It has been found that they are unable to handle the increased procurement due to its management difficulties resulting in selling the milk outside the state.

The State Government in order to increase local milk production has taken various steps. Since the efforts of State Government will increase the local milk production there will be need of second dairy in order to process the raw milk produce by the farmers.

Hon'ble Union Minister for Agriculture, Shri Radha Mohan Singh, during the recent visit to Goa has assured that central Government will extend all the required support for the development of Agriculture and allied activities including increase in milk production in the State of Goa.

It is informed that the Milk Cooperative Societies need not have any fear as the Government will take in to confidence all the local farmers and also take in to consideration all other aspects to safe guard the interest of the dairy farmers/ Dairy cooperative societies before setting up of new Dairy Union.

