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Milk Revolution on the Line of 'Amul' Possible in Jharkhand too !

MP Nathwani's Initiative: Invites Specialists from Gujarat

Meetings with the State Dairy & Animal Husbandry Officials

Ranchi: March 4, 2013: A new chapter in Jharkhand's agriculture and animal husbandry is likely to begin soon. Only last month, central minister of state for agriculture Mr. Tariq Anwar and rajya sabha MP Mr Parimal Nathwani specially remained present on the occasion of Kisan Mala at Ranchi; and yesterday 3rd March, Mr. Nathwani visited Jharkhand along with two senior most experts from Gujarat. They were Mr. R. S. Sodhi, the managing director of Gujarat Co-operatives Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF) and Mr. Rahul Srivastava, managing director of *Amul*, the world famous brand. The agenda was to explore the possibility as to how Jharkhand could find a place in the league of country's top states through increasing production of milk, agricultural produces and animal husbandry.

Mr. B. K. Tripathy, principal secretary of Jharkhand's animal husbandry and fisheries department had detailed discussion with these experts in meeting held yesterday afternoon at Nepal House, Doranda. Mr. Alok Kumar Pandey, director of Jharkhand's dairy development and other officials also remained present on this occasion. Mr. Sodhi and Mr. Srivastava shared their experience with the state officials and offered suggestions. Later on, they visited existing facilities of Jharkhand' dairy corporation and offered tips to improve the working with little changes here and these.

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It is a well-known fact that *Amul* and GCMMF steered the milk revolution that began from Gujarat. This experience is being tried out now in West Bengal, Haryana, Delhi etc.

Mr. Nathwani had discussed and deliberated on development of agriculture in Jharkhand in presence of union minister of state for agriculture Mr. Tariq Anwar, scientists of ICAR, state's agriculture department's officials and farmers on February 13 during inauguration of Kisan Mela and later on inauguration of Kisan Hostel in Ranchi. He had informed of increased production of cherry type tomatoes, milk, mangos etc in Gujarat. He had invited farmers to visit Gujarat.

In continuance, Mr. Nathwani, keeping in view the scarcity of milk in Jharkhand, took imitative. He invited two experts from Gujarat and arranged for one on one interaction with the state officials. He hoped that if some arrangements under any MoU or agreement take place between Government of Jharkhand and Amul / GCMMF then farmers of Jharkhand as well as cattle-rearing communities will be benefitted.

