

Govt hints at hike in Omfed milk price

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Bhubaneswar: Agriculture minister Arun Kumar Sahoo on Tuesday said the government was considering increasing the price of the milk sold by Odisha State Cooperative Milk Producers Federation (Omfed).

Sahoo said this while attending a workshop of dairy farmers in the city on Tuesday. He said the hike would help dairy farmers in the state and that a proposal in this regard had been sent to the government.

Different private players in the dairy sector recently increased the prices of the products sold by them. "Private companies have hiked milk prices in recent times. The state government is also considering a price hike for Omfed milk. A decision will be taken soon. We will keep both consumers and farmers in mind," Sahoo said.

At present, 500 ml of Omfed premium milk is being sold at Rs 20. A half-litre pouch of single-toned milk is sold for Rs 19.

Consumers, on the other hand, are sceptical about the decision. "They should think of improving quality while considering a price hike," Babita Maharana, a housewife, said.