



Shri Ramsinh Parmar



Chairman's Speech

Ladies & Gentlemen,

It is my pleasure to welcome you all to this 70th Annual General Meeting of our union. With continued cooperation and goodwill from all of you, our union has been able to continue its stride and conquer further heights in overall development, quality and production during the year. It is a matter of pride for all of us. Let us all join to express our gratitude to the great visionaries like late Shri Sardar Vallabhai Patel, late Shri Tribhuvandas Patel and late Dr. V. Kurien who had contributed immensely in shaping Amul.

I draw your kind notice that more than half of our Indian rural households do not have any land holdings. About 40% are marginal and small farmers whose life solely depends on agricultural revenue. Most of these farmers earn their livelihood from a combination of farm and non-farm incomes.

Dairying in India is considered to be the backbone of small to medium farmers for the sustainable economic needs throughout the year irrespective of any major influencing factors like drought, monsoon and other economic uncertainties.

The year 2015-16 has been tough for international dairy trade. Ban on export/Import of dairy products by Russia, demand

slump in China, doing away with milk quota in Germany and EU resulted chaos in international dairy industry. Majority of the milk producing countries have reduced farm gate prices paid to milk producers' to the extent of 30% to 60% in 2015 as compared to 2014. This had greatly affected international dairy markets, wherein commodities like SMP, WMP and Butter prices dropped up to 30% in 2015 as compared to previous year. This international slump had affected the dairy markets in India also. During 2015-16, SMP prices dropped from Rs.230-250 to Rs.130-150 per Kg. This led to reduction in procurement prices in the range of Rs.4-8/ Litre of Milk in most parts of India except Gujarat.

I am very happy to share that in spite of such major disturbances both within and outside the country, Amul withstood the pressures. During the year 2015-16, we not only paid higher prices to our milk producers at Rs.661/Kg Fat, but also achieved 11.5% growth in milk procurement. Due to your continued faith, support in co-operative model and high level of integrity in ensuring sustainable economic growth, our dairy is progressing with an impressive growth, setting example of excellent management of business. We should all be proud of this.