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It may be noted that Lakhanpur block has emerged as a major source of milk production where the cows born out of Artificial Insemination Programme of veterinary deptt is being collected to the tune of 1640 litres per day through 18 numbers of Milk Producers' Cooperative Societies (MPCS) being managed by District Milk Union, Sambalpur.

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