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RAJYA SABHA
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TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 28TH DECEMBER, 2018

AVAILABILITY OF FODDER IN THE COUNTRY

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether enough pasture land and fodder for cattle is available in country;
- (b) if so, the area of pasture land and quantity of fodder available at present, State-wise; and
- (c) the per cattle fodder availability in the country?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRIMATI KRISHNA RAJ)**

- (a) As per IGFRI vision-2050 document, which is an estimate based on secondary data/information, at present the country faces a net deficit of 35.6% green fodder (supply of 526 MT against demand of 817 MT) and 11.0% of dry forage (supply of 453 MT against demand of 509 MT).
- (b) State-wise area under permanent pasture & other grazing land in the country is Annexed.
- (c) Availability of green and dry fodder per year per cattle unit estimated to be 2.75 MT and 2.37 MT respectively.

Annexure**State wise area under permanent pasture and other grazing land in the country**

(in thousand Ha)

Name of the State/UTs	2014-15
Andhra Pradesh	214
Arunachal Pradesh	18
Assam	167
Bihar	15
Chhattisgarh	887
Goa	1
Gujarat	851
Haryana	25
Himachal Pradesh	1510
Jammu and Kashmir	112
Jharkhand	114
Karnataka	904
Kerala	0
Madhya Pradesh	1303
Maharashtra	1249
Manipur	1
Meghalaya	-
Mizoram	11
Nagaland	-
Odisha	524
Punjab	5
Rajasthan	1674
Sikkim	-
Tamil Nadu	108
Telangana	299
Tripura	1
Uttarakhand	192
Uttar Pradesh	65
West Bengal	2
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	4
Chandigarh	-
Dadar and Nagar Haveli	1
Daman and Diu	-
Delhi	0
Lakshadweep	-
Puducherry	-
Total	10258

“-” Not Available/Not Received

“0” relates to the area below 500 hectares

Source: Directorate of Economics & statistics, Ministry of Agriculture & farmers Welfare

*provisional