

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2021
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 23RD DECEMBER, 2022

FODDER SHORTAGE

2021. SHRI SATISH CHANDRA DUBEY:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that there is a shortage of 12-15, 25-26 and 36 per cent fodder in case of green fodder, dry fodder and concentrated fodder respectively and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has made an assessment of the various reasons for the shortage of fodder in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken to overcome the shortage of fodder in the country; and
- (c) whether Government proposes to increase e fodder area and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) The ICAR-Indian Grassland and Fodder Research Institute (IGFRI) has estimated that there is deficit of 11.24, 23.4 and 28.9 per cent for green fodder, dry fodder and concentrates respectively in the country.

(b) & (c). The various reasons for fodder shortage in the country are changing land use patterns with shrinking of the area under fodder cultivation, urbanization, declining productivity of pastures, diversion of land towards commercial crops, diversion of crop residues to other industrial uses, non-availability of quality fodder seed, increasing demand of fodder from improved productivity of animals.

Animal Husbandry being a State subject; is the primary responsibility of the State Governments to promote fodder crops in their cropping pattern. The Central Government supplements the efforts of the States by implementing various schemes viz., 'National Livestock Mission' and 'Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund'. National Livestock Mission is in operation in the country wherein financial assistance is provided for seed production of high yielding fodder varieties promoting fodder crop as a cash crop and thereby diversifying more area under the fodder crops. Entrepreneurship development programme of NLM is being implemented for the establishment of fodder blocks/hay bailing/silage units by providing Fifty Per cent subsidy up to Rs.50 lakh. Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund is being implemented for incentivizing investments for establishment of animal feed manufacturing units including establishment of Animal Feed Testing Laboratories so as to ensure production of quality feed. The fodder resource plans prepared for 20 States by ICAR-Indian Grassland and Fodder Research Institute Jhansi has also been shared with the States for its implementation. Further, Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare has designated National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) as implementing agency under the scheme of Formation and Promotion of 10,000 Farmer Producer organizations (FPOs) to form and promote 100 FPOs, primarily fodder centric and animal husbandry activities as a secondary activity. These Fodder plus FPOs would engage in various fodder development activities such as green fodder/silage production and sale, production of 'ready-to-eat' TMR, securing crop residues & its sale and also take up other animal husbandry activities, thereby providing market access to small and marginal farmers.