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DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3464
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31ST MARCH, 2023

AVAILABILITY OF GREEN FODDER FOR ANIMALS

3464. SMT. PHULO DEVI NETAM:

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

- (a) whether the availability of quality green fodder for livestock is very less in the country and the health of livestock is getting adversely affected due to non-availability of green fodder;
- (b) if so, the State-wise details of demand and supply of green fodder; and
- (c) whether Government proposes to formulate any special scheme in this regard, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)**

- (a) Yes, Sir. As per ICAR-Indian Grassland and Fodder Research Institute Jhansi, the country has a requirement of 827.19 Million Tons of green fodder against the availability of 734.219 Million Tons showing a deficit of 11.24%. The non-availability of green and nutritious fodder could be one of the reasons for poor health of livestock.
- (b) State wise Estimates of Demand and Supply of Green fodder is annexed.
- (c) Union Government is implementing Centrally Sponsored Scheme National Livestock Mission with a Sub Mission on Feed and Fodder Development in the country since July 2021 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 to increase the green fodder production in the country. Silage making units are also supported under Entrepreneurship Development Programme of National Livestock Mission to meet the availability of fodder particularly during the lean periods. In addition, Indian Grassland and Fodder Research Institute (ICAR-IGFRI, Jhansi) has prepared Fodder Development Plan for 25 States to enhance the green fodder availability in the respective States based on their cropping pattern and livestock species. States have been instructed to implement these fodder development plans in their respective areas.

State wise estimates of Demand and Supply of Green fodder (000 tonnes)

State/UT	Demand	Supply
Others including UTs		
A&N islands	144.1	115.4
Chandigarh	87.4	1.9
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	101.2	26.2
Daman & Diu	6.6	2.1
Lakshadweep	23.2	2.4
NCT of Delhi	869.5	167.4
Puducherry	170.9	18.8
NEZ Zone		
Arunachal Pradesh	1387.8	1634.8
Assam	22735.7	17988.1
Manipur	759.4	445.4
Meghalaya	1873.7	1037.6
Mizoram	97.3	272.8
Nagaland	692.6	577.6
Tripura	1916.1	805.2
Sikkim	369.6	190.1
Hill Zone		
Himachal Pradesh	8383.3	12060.6
Jammu & Kashmir	11194.4	5261.2
Uttarakhand	8580.3	3819.2
East Zone		
Bihar	49406.6	35399.1
Jharkhand	24358.6	7856.8
Odisha	27700.6	15277.7
West Bengal	35915.8	22211.7
West Zone		
Gujarat	58371.6	60720.3
Rajasthan	80980.5	54504.3
Goa	248.1	163.2
Maharashtra	57992.1	69700
North Zone		
Haryana	24074.5	46841.1
Punjab	24873.3	67234.08
Central Zone		
Chattisgarh	24430.8	16339
Madhya Pradesh	67264.6	99184.5
Uttar Pradesh	149959.2	114499.5
South Zone		
Andhra Pradesh	71799.5	26628.8
Karnataka	38959.3	31879.9
Kerala	3761.3	3591.6
Tamil Nadu	27699.8	17735.4

Source: Indian Fodder Scenario: Redefining State Wise Status Tech.Pub.Number -06/2019 of ICAR-Indian Grassland and Fodder Research Institute Jhansi