

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & DAIRYING
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2648
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11TH AUGUST,2023

HIGH FODDER INFLATION

2648: SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV:

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

- (a) the details of the steps taken by Government to address the dire situation of high fodder inflation across the country;
- (b) whether Government acknowledges that there is a need to look at long term feed security for livestock and poultry especially in Telangana;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Government has a robust system to monitor and assess the availability of fodder; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, whether Government plans to undertake the same?

ANSWER

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

(a) Government of India has been supplementing the efforts of the State Governments to enhance feed and fodder availability. Based on the recommendation of Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Ministry of Commerce, vide its notification no.21/2023 dated 28.07.2023, has banned export of De-oiled rice bran upto 30.11.2023 to help ease its availability to the farmers. Further, Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) is implementing the Central Sector Scheme "Formation and Promotion of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs)" through National Dairy Development Board (NDDB). Indian Grassland and Fodder Research Institute (IGFRI- ICAR) has also prepared Fodder Development Plan for 25 States to enhance fodder availability in the States based on their cropping pattern and livestock species.

(btoe)Yes Sir,there is a need to look at long term feed security for livestock and poultry in the country including Telangana. The State Government are primarily responsible for assessing the shortage of fodder. As such no reports have been received by the Centre from any of the State Governments including Telangana on Livestock and Poultry.

Arrangement of feed and fodder for a particular state for their livestock population is a state subject. The Central Government is supplementing the efforts of the State Government through assistance under various forprogramme namely National Livestock Mission (NLM) &Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF).

The Central Government is keeping a watch on the fodder situation during the crisis. Government is taking adequate policy intervention so that feed and fodder is available in the crisis area. The Government is encouraging farmers to sow pulses so that the production of pulses in India increases in the coming sowing season.
