

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING  
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1007**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2024

SHORTAGE OF ANIMAL FODDER

1007. SHRI S. KALYANASUNDARAM:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the shortage of animal fodder faced by the farmers, the details thereof;
- (b) the steps taken to increase the production of animal fodder across the country; and
- (c) the details of schemes announced in this regard and the amount of funds allocated, district-wise, for the State of Tamil Nadu?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING  
(**SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS LALAN SINGH**)

(a) Yes Sir. The country is deficit in fodder. The ICAR- Indian Grassland and Fodder Research Institute (IGFRI) Jhansi has estimated that there is deficit of 11.24-32% and 23 % for green and dry fodder respectively in the country.

(b)& (c) The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying Government of India has been supplementing the efforts made by the State Governments by implementing Centrally Sponsored Scheme National Livestock Mission with a Sub Mission on Feed and Fodder Development since 2014-15. The scheme has been realigned in July 2021 with objective to enhance the fodder availability with following components namely,

- (i) Assistance for Quality Fodder Seeds Production,
- (ii) Entrepreneurial Development Programme on fodder
- (iii) Fodder production from Non forest wasteland/rangeland/grassland/non-arable land.
- (iv) Fodder Production from Forest land.

Besides above, Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) is implementing the Central Sector Scheme “Formation and Promotion of 10,000 Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs)” through National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) as implementing agency to form and promote 100 FPOs, primarily fodder centric FPOs.

Indian Grassland and Fodder Research Institute (IGFRI Jhansi- ICAR) has also prepared Fodder Resources Development Plan for 25 States including Tamil Nadu to enhance fodder availability in the States based on their cropping pattern and livestock species.

In view of unspent balance of Rs.1552.16 lakhs lying with Government of Tamil Nadu, no funds have been allocated during the year 2024-25 to the Government of Tamil Nadu under realigned National Livestock Mission.

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