

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING  
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1187  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30<sup>th</sup> JULY 2025

**LACK OF FEED AND FODDER**

1187 SHRI SANJAY KUMAR JHA:

Will the Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the lack of feed and fodder continues to plague dairy production in the country, especially in resource-constrained rural India;
- (b) whether country has been experiencing significant shortage in animal fodder, with green fodder shortage at 11.24-32 per cent and that of dry fodder at 23 per cent;
- (c) whether scarcity of green fodder has severely impacted Bihar's milk production in the last couple of years; and
- (d) what are the measures adopted to address the issue of fodder shortage afflicting the country?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING  
(PROF.S.P. SINGH BAGHEL)**

(a) & (b) 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.

(c ) No Sir. The milk production in the State has increased from 12503 thousand tonnes (2022-23) to 12853 thousand tonnes (2023-24).

(d) Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India has been supplementing the efforts made by the State Governments and Union Territories 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 and again in March 2024 with objective to enhance the fodder availability with following components namely,

- i. Assistance for quality fodder seed production under which the incentives up to Rs.250/kg, Rs.150/kg and Rs.100 Rs/kg for production of Breeder, Foundation and Certified seeds respectively are provided.
- ii. Entrepreneurial activities in feed and fodder for Infrastructure development related to Hay/Silage/Total Mixed Ration (TMR)/ Fodder Block and storage of fodder wherein subsidy of 50% of the total project cost (up to Rs.50 lakhs) is provided to the beneficiaries.
- iii. Establishment of seed processing and grading infrastructure under Entrepreneurial activities wherein subsidy of 50% of the total project cost (up to Rs.50 lakhs) is provided to the beneficiaries.
- iv. Fodder Production from degraded Non-Forest Wasteland/rangeland/grassland/ Non arable lands.
- v. Fodder Production from Forest Lands

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)" with National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) as implementing agency to form and promote 100 primarily fodder centric FPOs.

ICAR- Indian Grassland and Fodder Research Institute (IGFRI Jhansi-) has developed **Fodder Resources Development Plans for 29 States** which include an area-specific strategy to be adopted to overcome the deficiency of green and dry fodder of the region and also to provide an executable plan for the State government and other agencies involved in livestock-related policy and planning.

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