

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
 MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
 DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES  
 LOK SABHA  
 UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5103  
 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2018

**SHORTAGE OF FODDER IN DROUGHT HIT AREAS**

5103. SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the arrangements made by the Government and the funds spent during the last three years till date for providing fodder to save the livestock in the drought hit areas of the country;
- (b) whether the stock breeders in the drought hit areas have sent their animals to the other States due to paucity of fodder;
- (c) if so, the details of the facilities/ assistance being provided by the Government to them; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government for setting up of cowsheds particularly in the backward rural areas and providing grants for the purpose?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
 (SHRIMATI KRISHNA RAJ)

- (a) The Government of India is implementing National Livestock Mission with a Sub Mission on Feed and Fodder Development since 2014-15 in all States and UTs including drought affected areas. The funds released under the Sub Mission of Feed & Fodder Development of NLM during the last three years till date is Rs. 133.02 crores.
- (b) No such information has been received by this department.
- (c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.
- (d) The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries has been implementing "Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme" (DEDS) since September 2010 through National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) throughout the country under which back ended capital subsidy (25% of the total sanctioned project cost for General Category and 33.33% for Schedule Tribe and Schedule Caste beneficiaries) is provided through eligible financial institutions, subject to the norms of the scheme. Under the scheme assistance is provided for establishment of small dairy units of 2 to 10 animals among other components. The unit cost for component of establishment of small dairy units includes purchase of cattle, cow shed, insurance etc. Department has also initiated scheme namely "Rashtriya Gokul Mission" for development and conservation of indigenous bovines as project under "National Programme for Bovine Breeding and Dairy Development". Establishment of cattle sheds is integral part of Gokul Gram as one of the component of Rashtriya Gokul Mission.