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 MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING  
 DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING  
 LOK SABHA  
 UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2124  
 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2022

**SUBSIDIZED CATTLE FEED**

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Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is providing subsidized cattle feed to ensure good health of cattle and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is working on any such scheme and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is likely to provide food grains on affordable rates for livestock as it provides to the people and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether non-availability of quality cattle feed for the cattle is affecting their health as well as milk production in the country;
- (e) if so, whether the Government has conducted any survey in this regard; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b). Animal Husbandry is a State subject. Different States have introduced their own schemes to make available the subsidized feed and fodder for Livestock. This Ministry is supplementing the efforts of the State Governments in this direction. Additionally, the Animal Welfare Board of India is giving assistance for providing feed and fodder to Animal Welfare Organizations under General Grants in a limited scale. Also, the schemes, 'National Livestock Mission' and 'Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund' implemented by this Ministry enable the livestock owners for increased availability of animal feed.

c) Various State Governments are implementing schemes in which supply of Animals feeds rather than food grains at an affordable rate is included.

(d) to (f). Yes, the non-availability of quality cattle feed will affect the health and milk production of the Cattle. Various research studies have been conducted across India which indicate that non-availability of quality cattle feed affects the health as well as milk production of the cattle in the country.