

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:106
ANSWERED ON:26.11.2001
SHORTAGE OF FODDER
M.H. AMBAREESH;PUTTASWAMY GOWDA

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is acute shortage of fodder due to serious drought situation in various parts of the country particularly in Southern States;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to strengthen Fodder Bank and Fodder Seed Production in the country; and
- (c) the amount released out of the total allocations made to those States during the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a) to (c): A statement is placed on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO 106 TO BE ANSWERED ON 26TH NOVEMBER, 2001

a) Some states including the southern states of Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh have reported drought situation. However, no report on acute shortage of fodder has been received.

b) & c) The States of Maharashtra & Karnataka for the current year have been accorded permission to ban movement of fodder out of the State. Four memoranda during the current year have been received from the States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Karnataka and Maharashtra regarding drought. Assistance provided as Central share of Calamities Relief Fund to these States during the current year are: Andhra Pradesh- Rs 155.97 Crore, Bihar- Rs 26.37 Crore, Karnataka- Rs. 58.72 Crore and Maharashtra- Rs 123.80 Crore. The State of Karnataka has been provided with 2 lakh MTs of feed grade grains for use as cattle feed. In addition Government of India implements a scheme 'Assistance to States for Fodder Development' under which grant is provided for Fodder Banks and Fodder Seed Production through Registered Seed Grower on 75% : 25% Central : State share basis. The amounts released during last three years and current year is placed at Annexure-A.

ANNEXURE-A

ACTUAL AMOUNT RELEASED DURING LAST THREE YEARS AND CURRENT YEAR FOR FODDER BANKS AND FODDER SEED PRODUCTION

(Rs in lakhs)

State Fodder Banks & Fodder Seed Production.

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Karnataka 21.00 - 10.50 -
Andhra Pradesh - - - -