

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF PASTURE LAND
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is shortage of pasture land for the animals in the country;
- (b) if so, whether any scheme is being sponsored by the Government for the development of pasture land and grass land in the country;
- (c) if so, the States where the scheme has been sponsored; and
- (d) the funds provided for the purpose during the last three years, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)to(c): Taking into consideration the existing livestock population in the country there is a shortage of pasture land. Till the end of 9th Plan i.e. upto 31st March, 2002, assistance was being provided to the States for pasture land development under a Centrally Sponsored Scheme Component "Development of Grassland including Grass Reserves". This Scheme has been discontinued in the 10th Plan. Hence, presently there is no Centrally Sponsored Scheme with the Department for providing assistance to the States for development of pasture lands.

(d): The States of Jammu and Kashmir (Rs.47.60 lakhs), Tripura (Rs.2.80 lakhs), Sikkim (Rs.14.00 lakhs) and Mizoram (Rs.19.60 lakhs) were provided the funds during 2001-02 for "Development of Grassland including Grass Reserves". No funds could be provided during 2002-03 and 2003-04, as the Centrally Sponsored Scheme has been discontinued in 10th Plan.