

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1046  
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ASSISTANCE FOR SETTING UP OF FODDER BANK  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has provided Central assistance for setting up of Fodder Banks for development of animal fodder and grazing fields;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the names of the States which have requested for such assistance during each of the last three years and the current year; and
- (d) the details of the assistance provided to each State during the said period?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The Government of India provided assistance for setting up of fodder banks and enrichment of straws/cellulosic wastes till March, 2005 under the old Centrally Sponsored Scheme on 'Assistance to States for Feed and Fodder Development'. A new Centrally Sponsored Fodder Development Scheme with four components viz. Establishment of Fodder Block making Unit, Grassland development including grass reserves, Fodder seed production & distribution and Biotechnology research projects has been implemented from 2005-06. These programmes envisage the development of animal fodder and grazing lands.

(c)&(d): The details of the States, which requested for Central assistance and funds provided to them for fodder development during each of the last three years and in the current year is given in Annexure-I.

Annexure

States requesting for assistance and funds provided for fodder development during last three years and in the current year

(Rs. In lakhs)

States	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
1 Arunachal Pradesh	—	—	99	—
Assam	—	—	68.35	—
2 Chhattisgarh	100	—	25	—
3 Himachal Pradesh	1	2	5	100
4 Jammu & Kashmir	55.5	—	—	58.4
5 Jharkhan	—	—	150	—
6 Karnataka	38.55	25	9.5	100
7 Kerala	—	—	90	—
8 Maharashtra	—	—	8.44	46.525
9 Mizoram	30	39.55	112.5	100
10 Nagaland	20	27.575	112.5	120.5
11 Punjab	20	—	—	66.67
12 Rajasthan	—	—	40	26.32
13 Sikkim	—	—	57.65	110
14 Tamil Nadu	—	—	—	24
15 Tripura	—	—	57.46	50
16 Uttar Pradesh	—	—	—	337.658
17 Uttranchal	76.75	—	—	90
18 West Bengal	—	—	—	40