

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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ASSISTANCE UNDER FODDER DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether adequate attention has been given to the production of fodder crops;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether several States have emphasized the need to develop fodder banks in vulnerable areas and to chalk out strategies for improving the supply/ transportation of fodder from one region to the other regions in the country;

(d) if so, the action taken thereon;

(e) whether various State Governments have requested the Union Government to increase financial assistance under the Centrally Sponsored Fodder Development Scheme; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The following schemes have been implemented for enhancement of fodder production:

1. Centrally Sponsored Fodder Development Scheme comprising of following components:

- (i). Establishment of Fodder Block Making Units.
- (ii). Grassland Development including Grass Reserves,
- (iii). Fodder seed production and distribution,
- (iv). Biotechnology Research Project.

2. The Government has established Central Fodder Development Organization comprising of seven Regional Stations for Forage Production and Demonstration, one Central Fodder Seed Production Farm and Central Minikit Testing Programme for production of fodder seed, organizing demonstration, fanners` fairs and training programmes on production of high yielding varieties of fodder crops.

(c) & (d): No specific proposal in this regard has been received from any State.

(e) & (f): No, Sir.