

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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CATTLE FEED
Panda Shri Prabodh

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the cattle feed grain trade is higher than wheat and rice;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any shortage of cattle feeds in the country; and
- (d) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to meet the shortage?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Yes, Sir.The 11th Plan Working Group has assessed the following feed situation:

(million tones)
Feed Stuff
Consumption Requirement

Total Concentrate 62 87

- (d) The Government is making efforts to increase the production of feed ingredients, including coarse grains, to improve feed availability.Further, a scheme is also being implemented under the Centrally Sponsored Fodder Development Scheme to improve the roughages by adding nutritive ingredients.