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DEMAND FOR FODDER

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the demand for fodder vis-a-vis its production during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) the funds allocated, released and utilised to/by the States under the Centrally Sponsored Fodder Development Schemes during the said period, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken to boost the production of fodder in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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(a) There is no system in place to assess the production and demand of fodder on year to year basis. However, as per a study awarded by the Department to NABARD Consultancy Services (NABCONS), State-wise production and requirement of fodder has been assessed and is given at Annexure-I.

(b) Under Centrally Sponsored Fodder Development Scheme, the State-wise funds released and their status of utilization is given at Annexure-II&III.

(c) To boost fodder production in the country, Department is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Fodder Development Scheme under which funds are provided to States for undertaking fodder development activities. Besides this, under Central Sector Scheme, seven Regional Stations for Forage Production & Demonstration and one Central Fodder Seed Production Farm are operating in different agro-climatic zones to reduce the gap between requirement and supply of fodder in the country. Under ongoing Central Minikit Testing Programme, fodder seed Minikits are distributed, free of cost, to the farmers with the objective of introduction of new high yielding fodder varieties to enhance fodder and fodder seed production, During 2009-10, 9.23 lakh Minikits have been distributed against the target of 6.00 lakh. Under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), proposals on feed and fodder development amounting to Rs. 3471.13 lakh have been supported and under Special Livestock and Fisheries Sector package for 31 Suicide Prone Districts, funds to the tune of Rs. 218.00 lakh have been released, so far.