

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF FODDER

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the shortage of nutritious fodder has resulted in decrease in the number and quality of animal in the country:
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reaction of the Government thereon;
- (c) whether oil cake is a nutritious fodder, and
- (d) if so, the details of oil cake produced in the country?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE, CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) & (b): No, Madam, there is no report to suggest decrease in the number of animals in the country due to shortage of nutritious fodder though it affects the productivity of animal.

Department has launched a new Centrally Sponsored Fodder and Feed Development Scheme from 01-04-2010 to improve the availability of feed and fodder in the country.

(c) & (d): Oil cake is not a fodder but it is a concentrate supplement (by product) which is rich in protein and micro nutrients. During 2009-10 a total of 21.78 Million Tonnes of oilcake/meal was available in the country.