

**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 there is a shortage of fodder as compared to the requirement in the country including drought affected areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is implementing the Fodder Development Scheme to address the problem of fodder shortage and check the migration of cattle from drought affected areas;
- (d) if so, the details thereof including funds released to the States in this regard during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and
- (e) the details of success achieved thereunder?

**Answer**

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

a) Yes, Madam.

b) As per a study conducted by NABARD Consultancy Services (NABCONS), the projected estimated shortfall between demand and supply of green fodder, dry fodder and concentrate in million tonnes in the year 2007 is as under:

(Dry matter in million tonnes)

Feed	Demand	Availability	Gap
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Dry Fodder	416	253	163 (40%)
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Greens	222	143	79 (36%)
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Concentrate	53	23	30 (57%)
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c) Government is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Fodder and Feed Development Scheme with effect from 01.04.2010 by enlarging the scope of the ongoing scheme on fodder development. It has 9 components. Details of components under the scheme are at Annexure-I

d) The information is given at Annexure -II,

e) The modified Fodder and Feed development scheme has evoked very good response from the states. As a result additional funds of Rs.15 crore over and above B.E of 2010-11 have been provided.