

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:956
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'PRODUCTION OF FODDER'
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government has launched/proposes to launch any scheme to increase production of fodder;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the extent to which the production of fodder is likely to increase?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE, CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ARUN YADAV)

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. A Centrally Sponsored Fodder and Feed Development Scheme has been launched from 01.04.2010 with an outlay of Rs.141.40 Crores during XI plan period. It has nine components, namely Establishment of Fodder Block Making Units; Grassland Development including Grass Reserves; Fodder Seed Procurement and Distribution; Strengthening of Feed Testing Laboratories; Introduction of hand driven and power driven chaff cutter; Establishment of silage making Units; Demonstration of Azolla cultivation and production units; Establishment of by-pass protein production units; Establishment of Area Specific Mineral Mixture / Feed Pelleting/ Feed manufacturing Unit.

(c) As the components of the scheme involve different parameters of feed and fodder development, it is difficult to make an assessment.