

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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EXPANSION IN PASTURE LAND
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is formulating any scheme for expanding the area of constantly shrinking pasture land in the country; and
(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b): Ministry of Agriculture is not formulating any new scheme for expanding area of pasture land. However, Government of India has several schemes/programmes under implementation for promoting pasture development activities in the Country. Details of these schemes/programmes are as under:-

- (i) Centrally Sponsored Fodder and Feed Development Scheme.
- (ii) Integrated Watershed Management Programme.
- (iii) National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas.
- (iv) Soil Conservation in the Catchments of River Valley Project & Flood Prone River.
- (v) Watershed Development Projects in Shifting Cultivation Areas.
- (vi) National Afforestation Programme.
- (vii) National Agricultural Innovation Project.