

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4396
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FODDER TO LIVESTOCK IN DROUGHT AFFECTED AREAS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the cattle rearers of drought affected areas have sent their cattle to other States due to shortage of fodder;
- (b) if so, the details of facilities/ assistance being provided to these cattle rearers including in backward and rural areas;
- (c) the arrangements made so far to make fodder available to livestock in drought affected areas including backward and rural areas alongwith the amount spent thereon; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to set up cowsheds in the country including backward/rural areas and to provide grants in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a): No, Madam. States have not reported migration of cattle from affected areas to other States due to shortage of fodder.
- (b): Question does not arise.
- (c): Department is constantly monitoring the situation related to fodder shortage in the affected States. The Government of Himachal Pradesh has provided subsidy of Rs. 95,90,005/- on transportation of wheat straw to the affected areas.
- (d): Funds are not provided to set up cowsheds under on-going Centrally Sponsored Fodder Development scheme. However, affected States may establish the cattle camps as per the existing norms of assistance under Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) and National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF).