

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:93
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`FODDER FOR LIVESTOCK`
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a shortage of fodder for livestock in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to provide fodder for the livestock in the drought affected areas of the country including Maharashtra during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the financial assistance provided to the States by the Government in this regard, State-wise;
- (d) whether the cattle rearers in the drought affected areas have sent their livestock to other States for fodder; and
- (e) if so, the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE, AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. CHARAN DAS MAHANT)

a) Yes, Madam.

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

(Dry matter in Million Tonnes)

Feed	Demand	Availability	Gap
Dry Fodder	416	253	163 (40%)
Greens	222	143	79 (36%)
Concentrates	53	23	30 (57%)

The Government of India is implementing the following schemes to reduce the gap between demand & availability of fodder and feed:

- i) Central Sector Scheme of Central Fodder Development Organizations; comprising 7 regional Stations for Forage Production & Demonstration and 1 Central fodder Seed Production Farm for production of high yielding varieties of fodder seeds, and, training and demonstration on fodder production. Besides, the Central Minikit Testing Programme is also being run under this scheme.
 - ii) A Centrally Sponsored Fodder and Feed Development Scheme is being implemented to supplement the efforts of the State Governments in their efforts for fodder and feed development.
 - iii) The `Accelerated Fodder Development Programme` is being implemented this year in twelve states under the umbrella of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY)
 - iv) States are also free to utilise the RKVY funds besides their own budgetary resources.
- c) The information is placed at Annexure I and II.
- d) No, Madam. States have not reported migration of cattle from affected areas to other States for fodder.
- e) Question does not arise.