

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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USE OF CO GRASS FOR FODDER PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that CO-4 grass is being used as fodder which increases milk yield considerably;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the extent of its use in various States;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any study with regard to CO-4 grass; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Some farmers in Kerala observed an increase in milk production @ 200 ml per day post feeding of 15 kg Co-4 grass used as fodder.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. Co-4 is one of the green fodder variety released by Tamilnadu Agricultural University (TNAU) during 2008 and gaining importance since 2 years. It is observed by TNAU in one of their research stations that Co-4 has more leafy material and tender stem and relished by large ruminants.