

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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``DEMAND AND SUPPLY OF FODDER``  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the demand and supply of fodder in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) whether a large proportion of fodder is damaged every year due to the use of harvesting machines in the fields;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to restrict the damage to fodder to the minimum, particularly during the use of harvesting machines?

**Answer**

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

a) Assessment of production of cattle feed and fodder is not done every year. However, as per the study conducted by NABARD Consultancy Services (NABCONS), the 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 state wise availability of green and dry fodder, feed and concentrates as per the above study is given at Annexure-1.

b) and c) The process of combined harvesting leaves stubbles in the field, which could be used as dry fodder. No study has been conducted by this Department to assess the quantity of left over material.

d) This Department has issued advisory to the States to ensure efficient utilization of crop residues, and restrict damage to fodder.