

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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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) whether there exists a huge gap between the demand and availability of fodder in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) the total crop area under cultivation of fodder in the country, State-wise;
- (d) whether it is a fact that land allotted for cultivation of fodder has been divested for other purposes;
- (e) if so, the steps being taken by the Union Government to increase the area under fodder; and
- (f) the other corrective steps taken by the Government to increase the production of fodder during the 12th Five Year Plan?

**Answer**

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

a) And b) No assessment of production of cattle feed and fodder is done every year, as is done in case of other crops. However, as per the study conducted by NABARD Consultancy Services (NABCONS) in 2007, the projected estimated shortfall between demand and availability of green fodder, dry fodder and concentrates is as under:

(Dry matter in Million Tonnes)

Feed	Demand	Availability	Gap
Dry Fodder	416	253	163 (40%)
Greens	222	143	79 (06%)
Concentrates	53	23	30 (57%)

The state wise availability of green and dry fodder, and feed concentrates, as per the above study, is given at Annexure-I.

c) The area cultivated under fodder crops and permanent pastures and other grazing lands, state wise from 2005-06 to 2009-10 is given at Annexure-II

d) Yes, madam.

e) The Department is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Fodder and Feed Development Scheme through the State Governments. Under Central Sector Scheme, eight Regional Fodder Stations are operating in different agro-climate zones for production and distribution of improved fodder seeds. State Governments can also take action for increasing availability of feed / fodder and improved fodder seeds by utilizing assistance available under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana and Accelerated Fodder Development Programme. Development of pasture land and wasteland, and azolla cultivation can also be undertaken under MNREGA to increase availability of quality fodder.

f) This Department is contemplating National Livestock Mission (NLM) for the XII Plan, under which feed and fodder development is proposed to be one of the sub missions