

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the demand for fodder vis-à-vis its production during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) the funds allocated, released and utilised by various States under the Centrally Sponsored Fodder Development Schemes during the said period, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to boost the production of fodder in the country?

**Answer**

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

a) Assessment of demand for fodder vis-a-vis its production is not made every year. However, the demand and availability assessed by NABARD CONSULTANCY SERVICES in 2007 is as under:

(Dry matter in million tones)

Sr No.	Feed	Demand	Availability
1	Dry Fodder	416	253
2	Greens	222	143
3	Concentrate	53	23

The state wise assessment by NABCONS is given at Annexure-1.

b) State-wise allocations are not decided under the Centrally Sponsored Fodder and Feed Development Scheme. The details of funds released and utilized by the States, under the Scheme, during the last three years and the current year are given at Annexure-2.

c) Besides the Centrally Sponsored Fodder and Feed Development Scheme referred above, the Government of India is implementing Central Sector Scheme comprising of Central Fodder Development Organizations and Central Minikit Testing Programme. State Governments can also avail funds under the Schemes like the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana and Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme besides their own budgetary resources, to boost the production of fodder in the Country.