

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DEMAND OF FODDER

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the production of cattle feed and fodder during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) whether the demand for the same is going up in the country;
- (c) if so, the efforts being made for increasing the production of feed and fodder in order to meet the rising demand;
- (d) whether the price of fodder is on the rise during the current year;
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor; and
- (f) 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) State-wise data on production of cattle feed and fodder is not available.
- (b) Yes, Madam.
- (c) In addition to the Schemes run by the State Governments on production of Feed and Fodder, the Government of India assists the States through the `Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Fodder and Feed Development` and the Central Sector Scheme of `The Central Fodder Development Organisations`. The `Accelerated Fodder Development Programme` was launched by the Government of India in the financial year 2011-12. States are also assisted under the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana. The ICAR institutions / Agricultural, and Veterinary Universities are engaged in research on increasing feed and fodder production.
- (d) No such information is available.
- (e) Question does not arise
- (f) The Government is implementing schemes mentioned under para c above to reduce the gap between demand and availability of fodder and feed.