

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:370  
ANSWERED ON:15.12.2009  
RISE IN PRICE OF FODDER  
Kataria Shri Lal Chand

**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there has been a rise in the price of fodder due to drought and famine in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of reported death of livestock due to drought in the country, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has taken any measures to ensure the availability of fodder in adequate quantity and at reasonable price; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PA WAR)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.370 TO BE ANSWERED ON 15TH DECEMBER 2009.

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. As per study instituted by the Ministry in 2007, it is estimated that there is shortage of about 40% dry and 36% green fodder in the country even in normal situations. However, due to drought in the current year, fodder availability has further decreased. The states like Haryana, Punjab, U.P. (Western), which were traditionally surplus in dry fodder also received low rainfall, resulting in less fodder production and consequent price rise. The market price of green and dry fodder during the drought period is enclosed as Annexure-I.

(c) : As far as deaths of livestock due to drought is concerned, no such reports have been received by the Government.

(d) & (e): Government has allotted total 9.23 lakh (Annexure-II) fodder seed minikits for free distribution to the farmers to increase the fodder production. A total of Rs.557.81 lakh under Centrally Sponsored Fodder Development Scheme has been provided to states for Feed and Fodder Development in 2009-10. Proposals related to feed and fodder development received from states under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) and Special Livestock & Fisheries Package for Suicide Prone Districts of Kerala, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh, have been supported. To supplement the efforts of the state for supply of feed and fodder to livestock, assistance is provided under National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF).