

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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GRAZING LAND

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of pasture and grazing land available in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether pasture area has decreased in the country during the last three years and the current year, if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has launched a Centrally Sponsored Fodder and Feed Development Scheme to grow green fodder and pasture grasses/legumes and to establish Fodder Bank in various parts of the country including Uttar Pradesh;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of funds released and utilised for the purpose in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIA)

(a) & (b): As per the latest available Land Use Statistics data, area under permanent pastures and other grazing land has decreased from 10344 thousand hectare in 2008-09 to 10296 thousand hectare in 2011-12. During the same period area under Forests has increased from 69978 thousand hectare to 70015 thousand hectare and barren and unculturable land has increased from 16851 thousand hectare to 17227 thousand hectare.

The details of pasture and grazing land available in the country, State-wise during 2008-09 to 2011-12 are given in Annexure- I.

(c) to (e): The Government has launched National Livestock Mission since May 2014 to grow green fodder and pasture grasses/legumes and to establish Fodder Bank in various parts of the country including Uttar Pradesh.

The details of the components of the scheme and pattern of assistance are given in the table below:

S. No	Name of Modified Components/ New Components	Pattern of Assistance
1	Establishment of Fodder Block Making Unit/	50:50
2	Grassland Development including Grass Reserves	100:00
3	Fodder Seed Procurement and Distribution	75:25
4	Strengthening of Feed Testing Laboratories	50:50
5(a)	Introduction of hand driven chaff-cutter	75:25
5(b)	Introduction of power driven chaff-cutter	75:25
6	Establishment of silage making Units	100:00
7	Demonstration of Azolla cultivation and production units:	50:50
8	Establishment of by-pass protein production units	25:75
9	Establishment of Area Specific Mineral Mixture / Feed Pelletting / Feed manufacturing Unit:	25:75

The details of state-wise funds released are given at Annexure II.