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Title: Need to provide food and fodder for cattles in the snow bound Leh-Ladakh region of Jammu & Kashmir.

श्री छेवांग थुपस्तन (लद्दाख) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, भारी बर्फबारी के कारण लद्दाख में जो स्थिति उत्पन्न हुई है और जो भारी नुकसान हुआ, है, मैं उसकी तरफ भारत सरकार का ध्यान आकर्षित करना चाहता हूँ। It is a matter of grave concern that large numbers of pashmina producing goats are dying these days due to shortage of food and fodder. This situation has arisen due to unprecedented heavy snowfall this year in the upper reaches of the Himalayas. The Changthang region of Ladakh inhabited by nomadic changpas who depend on cattle rearing for their livelihood are facing major problems as small kids and lambs born this year are already dying in large numbers and unless arrangements are made to provide food and fodder on priority, they may lose a bulk of their cattle population and animals including the famous pashmina producing goat[b5]s.

I would request the Government of India to provide immediate relief to provide feed and fodder and arrange defence aircraft to drop them in areas which are still not accessible through roads. सर, यह बहुत ही महत्वपूर्ण मामला है क्योंकि इस साल बर्फबारी होने के कारण लद्दाख में अभी भी the entire northern plateau is covered under thick blanket of snow. There is not a single blade of grass to feed their cattle.

MR. SPEAKER: That is why I have allowed you to raise this issue. You have raised an important issue.