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MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2276
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 15TH MARCH, 2022

SUBSIDIZED FOODGRAINS FOR ANIMALS

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Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is providing subsidised food grains for animals for the better health of the animals;
- (b) if not, whether the Government is working on any such scheme, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is likely to provide food grains at cheap rates for livestock;
- (d) whether the health of the animals as well as milk production is being affected due to the animals not getting quality fodder across the country; and
- (e) whether any survey has been conducted by the Government in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) & (b). Animal Husbandry is a State subject. Different States have introduced their own schemes to make available the subsidised feed and fodder for Livestock. This Ministry is supplementing the efforts of the State Governments in this direction. Additionally, the Animal Welfare Board of India is providing assistance for providing feed and fodder to Animal Welfare Organizations under General Grants in a limited scale. Also, the schemes, 'National Livestock Mission' and 'Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund' implemented by this Ministry enable the livestock owners for increased availability of animal feed.

c) Various State Governments are implementing schemes in which supply of animal feeds rather than food grains at an affordable rate is included.

(d) and (e). Yes, the health as well as milk production of the cattle will be affected if they are not getting quality fodder. Various research studies have been conducted across India which indicate that non-availability of quality fodder affects the health as well as milk production of the cattle in the country.
