

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF FODDER  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is shortage of fodder in various parts of the country particularly in drought affected States;
- (b) if so, whether milk production is also getting affected due to shortage of green and dry fodder in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the per capita availability of fodder for the animal in the country;
- (e) the shortfall between demand and supply of fodder recorded during the last three years and the current financial year; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to meet the gap and increase the production of green and dry fodder in the country?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b)to(d): Milk production is affected by shortage of fodder. On an average, 7.5 Kg. of fodder per milch animal per day is available in the country.

(e)&(f): The shortfall during the last three years and in the current year stands at about 62% in green fodder and 22% in dry fodder. The Government of India is implementing following schemes to enhance overall fodder production and to reduce gap between the demand and supply:

(i) Central Fodder Development Organization comprising of seven Regional Stations for Forage Production & Demonstration and one Central Fodder Seed Production Farm for production of high yielding varieties of fodder seeds, training and demonstration on fodder production and also Central Minikit Testing Programme for distribution of fodder seed minikits.

(ii) A new Centrally Sponsored Fodder Development Scheme with four components viz., establishment of Fodder Block Making Unit (25% Central subsidy), Grassland Development including grass reserves (100% Central grant), Fodder Seed production (75% Central grant on procurement of fodder seeds) and Biotechnology Research Projects (100% Central grant).

Central assistance is provided to the States to supplement their efforts for fodder development.