

Fodder Scarcity in Maharashtra

2148. SHRI VITHALRAO MADH-AVRAO JADHAV;
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Maharashtra is facing acute scarcity of fodder and has sought the Central Government's assistance to meet the situation;

(b) whether a team of the Central Government recently visited the State to make a study of the situation; if so, whether the team has submitted its report in this regard and the details thereof; and

(c) the amount of money sanctioned/proposed to be sanctioned to overcome the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir. According to the Memorandum received from the State Government fodder scarcity is being experienced in the drought affected areas and the State have sought Central assistance to meet the situation.

(b) and (c) A Central team visited the State in October last. A ceiling of expenditure of Rs. 56.34 crores was sanctioned to the State Government out of which Rs. 2.35 crores were provided for cattle conservation measures in the drought affected areas. Break-up is given below:—

	Rs. in lakhs
(i) subsidy on transportation of fodder for supply of supplementary nutrition for Milch animals . . .	50.00
(ii) Subsidy on transportation of fodder . . .	110.00
(iii) Establishment of cattle camps; . . .	30.00
(iv) Stepping up of fodder production in Agricultural Universities. . .	45.00
TOTAL : . . .	235.00

Revision of Fare Structure of Delhi Transport Corporation

2149. SHRI ARABINDA GHOSH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that D.T.C. continues to remain at a loss;

(b) if so, the annual subsidy given to the Corporation during the years 1980-81, 1981-82 and 1982-83 to cover the loss;

(c) whether Government propose to revise the fare-structure of Delhi Transport Corporation buses; and

(d) what are the details of revision of the fare structure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No subsidy is given by the Government to D.T.C. However, D.T.C. is granted Ways and Means loans to cover the losses. Details of Ways and Means loans released during the last 3 years are as under

Year	Total amount released
1980-81	11.00 Crores
1981-82	20.00 "
1982-83 (As on 28/2/83)	24.00 "

(c) and (d) The fare revision proposal is under consideration

Calcutta Port

2150. SHRI ARABINDA GHOSH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what further steps are proposed to be taken to improve the Calcutta Port;

(b) what is the current cargo handling capacity of that Port; and

(c) what is the cargo handling capacity of other major Indian ports in the country?