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				(9) Dr. P.K. Ratheesh Kumar
				(10) <i>Sub-judice</i>
				(11) <i>Sub-judice</i>
				(12) <i>Sub-judice</i> (Court case pending in High Court of A.P.)
2011	Assistant Professor-9 (These are unfilled positions of year-2010)	02	07	(1) Dr. Rajani Kanth (2) Dr. G. Srinivas
2012	Assistant Professor-9	01	08	(1) Dr. Mohan Namdev Ch.

SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Sir, the objective of the Government is to ensure enrolment ratio of 30 per cent by 2020. To achieve this objective, the Director, UGC and others should extend possible OBC persons in higher education. But if you look at the ground situation, it is the other way round. The UGC has fixed separate cut-off marks for the recruitment of faculty for M.Phil. and Ph.D. programmes in Hyderabad University.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I am afraid Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Fodder crisis in the country

*66. SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to acute fodder crisis in the country, the milk production is likely to fall this year;

(b) the estimated current fodder production in the country and availability of improved fodder seeds with estimated requirement during the next one year; and

(c) the steps being taken to upscale the production using Central funds?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (c) In spite of shortage of fodder in some areas of the country affected by drought during this year, the milk production is expected to be higher than last year as per information received from State Governments. Crop residues, straws, agriculture bye-products and green fodder are generally used by most of the farmers as feed and fodder for the livestock in the country. Number of coarse-grain crops are also used as feed and fodder as and when necessary.

The estimated availability of green fodder and dry fodder from all sources is around 620 million tonnes and 370 million tonnes per annum, respectively. The estimated availability of improved fodder seeds is about 40,000 tonnes per annum. As per the information received from the National Seeds Corporation and the State Farms Corporation of India, improved fodder seeds available with them for use in the next year is more than the last year. The Department has not received any report about possibility of shortage of improved fodder seeds in next one year.

In order to reduce gap between demand and availability of fodder, detailed advisories have been issued to the State Governments to promote fodder development by utilizing on-going Government schemes/programmes. The Department is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Fodder and Feed Development Scheme through the State Governments. Under Central Sector Scheme, eight Regional Fodder Stations are operating in different agro-climate zones for production and distribution of improved fodder seeds. State Governments can also take action for increasing availability of feed/fodder and improved fodder seeds by utilizing assistance available under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana and Accelerated Fodder Development Programme. Development of pasture land and wasteland, and azolla cultivation can also be undertaken under MNREGA to increase availability of quality fodder.

Suicide by farmers

*67. SHRI ARVIND KUMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of farmers who committed suicide during 2012 and 2013, so far, State-wise;

(b) whether cases of suicide have risen during the said period in comparison to previous years;