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| 13.   | Karnataka      | 93963.340        |
| 14.   | Kerala         | 25899.395        |
| 15.   | Lakshadweep    | 895.521          |
| 16.   | Madhya Pradesh | 461774.726       |
| 17.   | Maharashtra    | 198352.289       |
| 18.   | Manipur        | 251.400          |
| 19.   | Meghalaya      | 4609.422         |
| 20.   | Mizoram        | 213.800          |
| 21.   | Nagaland       | 6186.934         |
| 22.   | Odisha         | 95896.981        |
| 23.   | Puducherry     | 2.835            |
| 24.   | Punjab         | 961.203          |
| 25.   | Rajasthan      | 155020.273       |
| 26.   | Sikkim         | 75851.211        |
| 27.   | Tamil Nadu     | 14456.500        |
| 28.   | Tripura        | 203.560          |
| 29.   | Uttar Pradesh  | 61081.828        |
| 30.   | Uttarakhand    | 37221.387        |
| 31.   | West Bengal    | 17890.412        |
| TOTAL |                | 1489935.936      |
|       |                | Or 14.89 Hectare |

Source: APEDA-TRACENET

### Setting up of National Grasslands Authority

2258. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to set up a National Grasslands Authority;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, along with its aims and objectives; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to tackle the problem of fodder shortage due to shrinking grazing grounds and grassland cover in the country, especially in drought affected States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN): (a) and (b) No Sir. Question does not arise.

(c) However, Government of India has already taken necessary steps to increase fodder production in the country by providing financial assistance to the States and UTs including drought affected States under Centrally Sponsored National Livestock Mission of Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries (DADF) with a Sub Mission on Feed and Fodder Development for the following components.

| Sl. No. | Name of the Components   |
|---------|--|
| 1.      | Fodder Production from non-forest wasteland/rangeland/grassland/non-arable land  |
| 2.      | Fodder production from forest land   |
| 3.      | Fodder Seed Procurement/Production and Distribution  |
| 4.      | Introduction of Hand Driven Chaff-Cutter   |
| 5.      | Introduction of Power Driven Chaff-Cutter  |
| 6.      | Distribution of low capacity, tractor mountable Fodder Block Making units, hay baling machines/reapers/forage harvesters |
| 7.      | Establishment of silage making units   |
| 8.      | Establishment of by-pass protein production units  |
| 9.      | Establishment of Area Specific Mineral Mixture/Feed Pelleting/Feed Manufacturing Unit.                                   |
| 10.     | Establishment/modernization of Feed Testing Laboratories   |

From 2014-15 for drought affected areas, Additional Fodder Development Programme under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) of Department of Agriculture, Co-operation and Farmers Welfare has been formulated, which is continuing at present. Further, in addition to this, financial assistance is also provided which is supported by Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries under RKVY for other fodder developmental activities planned by the States.

#### **Implementation of NPOF**

2259. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the mandate of the National Project on Organic Farming (NPOF) currently in operation;