

released to Madhya Pradesh for establishment of National Kamdhenu Breeding Centre in Itarsi, Hoshangabad in Northern region of India and ₹ 25 crore has been released to Andhra Pradesh for establishment of National Kamdhenu Breeding Centre in Chintaladevi, Nellore in Southern region of India.

#### **Utilization of agro-forestry for fodder production**

2737. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the measures taken by Government for agro forestry or agro-sylviculture; and
- (b) whether Government is contemplating of utilizing agro-forestry for fodder production since these days fodder is costly and not available during summers, if so, details of the schemes in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA): (a) and (b) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India brought out the National Agroforestry Policy in 2014 to promote agro forestry in the country. To take forward the recommendations of National Agroforestry Policy, a Sub-Mission on Agroforestry (SMAF) under the ambit of National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) has been made operational from 2016-17. Budget provision of ₹ 75.00 crore has been made for 2016-17 for implementation of the programme. Different agroforestry models including sustainable Agri-silvicultural systems, Silvi-pastoral systems, Agri-silvo-pastoral system etc. are supported under the programme.

#### **Use of fallow land of forest areas for production of fodder**

†2738. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is contemplating to use the fallow land of forest areas for production of nutritious fodder for cattles, if so, the action taken by Government in this regard;
- (b) whether Government is considering to set up a fodder bank from the fodder available in the forest areas so that this fodder may be provided to feed cattles in situations of famine, floods, droughts and natural calamities; and
- (c) if so, whether Government has taken any action/steps in this regard, if so, the details thereof?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT): (a) The department is implementing the National Livestock Mission since 2014-15 with a Sub-Mission on Feed and Fodder Development, wherein financial assistance is also provided to the States and Union Territories for nutritious fodder production under the component Fodder production from forest land.

(b) Earlier, this Department was implementing the component of establishment of fodder banks, but it was dropped from the Central scheme on the recommendations of the Planning Commission in the year 2005. The main reason behind this recommendation was that the States were not coming forward to implement the component. A major constraint in sustaining fodder banks is the limited shelf-life of stored fodder, coupled with uncertain and fluctuating demands. Higher transportation costs also make the price of stored fodder prohibitory, even if densified fodder blocks are transported. Generally, in normal rainfall years, sufficient fodder is available in the form of green fodder and crop residues at much cheaper rates. This is a reason as to why the / component of fodder block making units is not being utilised by entrepreneurs, as they are never sure of the demands, and storing fodder beyond a few months may reduce the quality to the extent of rendering it unfit for consumption by livestock.

(c) Government of India has already taken necessary steps to increase fodder production in various parts of the country by providing financial assistance to the States / UTs under Centrally Sponsored National Livestock Mission of Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries (DADF) with a Sub Mission on Feed and Fodder Development. The detailed components of the Sub-Mission are given in the Statement.

***Statement***

*The detailed Components of the Sub-Mission on Fodder and Feed Development*

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 & Distribution
4.	Introduction of Hand Driven Chaff-Cutter
5.	Introduction of Power Driven Chaff-Cutter

Sl. No.	Name of the Components
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

#### Utilization of money for mitigation of drought in Telangana

2739. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that ₹237 crore had been set aside for drought mitigation measures for the State of Telangana during 2015-16 under RKVY;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that Government of Telangana has been able to spend only ₹8.6 crore out of this amount; and
- (c) if so, the reasons for not utilizing the money so set aside for drought?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) gives complete autonomy to States to choose projects for implementation under the scheme as per their needs, priorities and agro-climatic conditions for achieving desired growth in agriculture and allied sectors. The allocation of Telangana for implementation of RKVY during 2015-16 was ₹237.16 crore which include State share of ₹ 94.86 crore. Out of this allocation, the State Government has reported utilization of ₹ 12.60 crore for drought mitigation.

#### Implementation of NHM in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana

2740. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of districts covered in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana under National Horticulture Mission (NHM);
- (b) the details of potential horticulture crops focused under the above Mission and the details of forward and backward linkages adopted, State-wise; and