

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2017
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 12TH MARCH, 2021

SHORTAGE OF FODDER DUE TO FLOOD AND DROUGHT

2017. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER:

Will the Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been an acute shortage of fodder due to recent flood and drought situation in various parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the quantity of fodder provided to various States during the current year, Statewise;
- (c) Whether Government proposes to set up fodder banks and provide fodder seed to each State;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken to deal with the problem of shortage of fodder?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
(DR.SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)**

- (a) Yes, Sir. The shortage of fodder arises due to flood and drought situation in affected parts of the country.
- (b) Central Government do not provide any fodder to the States. The State Government is primarily responsible for managing and undertaking necessary relief measures for the shortage of fodder in the wake of natural calamities. Central Government supplements the efforts of State Governments with financial assistance. In the eventuality of notified calamities, State Governments are empowered to undertake necessary relief measures from State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF), which is readily available with the State. For calamity of severe nature, additional financial assistance, over and above SDRF, is considered from National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF), in accordance with items and norms of assistance, upon receipt of Memorandum from the State Government.
- (c) to (e) Central Government is implementing Centrally Sponsored Scheme National Livestock Mission with a Sub Mission on Fodder and Feed Development. The scheme is operational in all States and Union Territories since 2014-15 and is continuing at present. Under the scheme, financial assistance is provided to the States for the establishment of Silage Making units and Fodder Block making units which can be used as fodder banks. Financial assistance is also provided to the States for quality fodder seeds production and distribution to increase the green fodder production in the country.
