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UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1774

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 13TH MARCH, 2015

**AVAILABILITY OF PASTURE AND FODDER FOR CATTLE**

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE

be pleased to State:

(a) Whether there is adequate availability of pasture and fodder for cattle in the country, particularly in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the area of pasture as on date, and the quantity of fodder available in the States at present; and

(c) the per animal availability of fodder?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE**

**(DR. SANJIV KUMAR BALYAN)**

(a) No Sir. There is a shortage of 62.76% (665.80 million MT) green and 23.46%

(138 million MT) dry fodder in the country respectively.

**Requirement and availability of Fodder in the Country.**

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| **Type of fodder** | **Green** | **Dry** |
| Availability (Million MT) | 395.20 | 451.00 |
| Requirement(Million MT) | 1061.00 | 589.00 |
| Deficit gap (Million MT) | 665.80(62.76%) | 138.00(23.46%) |

In the State of Maharashtra, there is a shortage of 59% (659lakh MT) green and 31% (139 lakh MT) dry fodder as per the Land Use Statistics of Agriculture Department of Maharashtra State.

**Requirement and availability of Fodder in the Maharashtra State**.

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| **Type of fodder** | **Green** | **Dry** |
| Availability (Lakh MT) | 449.00 | 304.00 |
| Requirement (Lakh MT) | 1108.00 | 443.00 |
| Deficit gap (Lakh MT) | 659(59)% | 139(31%) |

**(b) State wise area under pastures as on date and the quantity of fodder available in the States.**

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| **States/Uts** | **Permanent pasture & other grazing lands (000ha)\*** | **Details of fodder available in the States\*\*** |
| Andhra Pradesh | 553 | Deficit in green fodder (40.58%) and dry fodder (20%) |
| Arunachal Pradesh | 18 | -- |
| Assam | 160 | Deficit in green fodder (74%) |
| Bihar | 16 | Deficit in green fodder (60%) and dry fodder (28%) |
| Chhattisgarh | 863 | Deficit in green (84%) and dry fodder (22%) |
| Goa | 1 | Deficit in green fodder (96.6%) |
| Gujarat | 851 | Deficit in green fodder (30%).Dry fodder availability in the state is satisfactory |
| Haryana | 28 | Deficit in green fodder (48%). However, dry fodder is surplus. |
| H.P. | 1504 | Deficit in green fodder (62.8%) and Dry fodder (25%) |
| Jharkhand | 110 | Deficit in fodder (52.8%). |
| J& Kashmir. | 123 | Deficit in green fodder (67%) and dry fodder (27.31%) |
| Karnataka | 908 | There is deficit of green fodder but adequate dry fodder is available. |
| Sikkim | - |  |
| Manipur | 1 | Adequate availability of green fodder. |
| Meghalaya | - | Deficit in. green fodder (57%). |
| Kerala | 0 | Deficit in dry fodder (65%). Due to constraint of land, there is a severe shortage of green fodder. |
| Mizoram | 5 | Deficit in green fodder (26%) and dry fodder (87%) |
| M.P | 1321 | Deficit in green fodder (75%) and not deficit in dry fodder. |
| Maharashtra | 1244 | Deficit in green fodder (59%) and dry fodder (31%). |
| Nagaland | - | Deficit in green fodder 960%) and dry fodder (62.5%) |
| Orissa | 508 | Deficit in green fodder (48.4%) and dry fodder (23.5%). |

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| Punjab | 4 | Dry fodder availability is currently 26.4 million tonnes as against the requirement of 9.4 million tonnes indicating a surplus of over 180%. |
| Rajasthan | 1694 |  |
| Tamil Nadu | 110 | Deficit in green fodder (21.25%) and dry Fodder (8.89%). |
| Tripura | 2 |  |
| Telangana | - |  |
| Uttrakhand | 199 | Deficit in green fodder(46.74%) and dry fodder(30%). |
| Uttar.Pradesh | 66 |  |
| West Bengal | 4 |  |
| A&N Islands | 4 |  |
| Chandigarh | - | Requirement of fodder is mostly fulfilled by neighbouring States viz, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh. |
| Dadra& Nagar Haveli | 1 |  |
| Daman & Diu | 0 |  |
| Delhi | 0 | Requirement of fodder is mostly fulfilled by neighbouring States viz., Haryana, Uttar Pradesh. |
| Lakshadweep | - |  |
| Puducherry | - |  |
| **All India** | **10296** |  |

Note: - 0 relates to the area below 500 hectares.

\* Area as per Land Use Statistics At Glance, June 2014

\*\* Details of fodder available as estimated

(c) Availability of green and dry fodder per year per animal is 1.2 MT and 1.4 MT respectively.

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