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MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING  
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 371  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2021

**SHORTAGE OF FODDER TO LIVESTOCK**

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Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING  
मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the shortage of dry fodder, green fodder and concentrate feed for the Indian livestock;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including shortage and the adverse impact on the dairy product may be provided;
- (c) whether the Government has any plan to bridge the shortage gap in a time-bound period; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING  
(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) & (b) The Thirty Fourth Report on Standing Committee on Agriculture has estimated that the country has 530million tons, 880million tons and 96 million tons requirement of dry fodder, green fodder and concentrate, in the year 2020 against the availability of 408million tons, 596million tons and 61 million tons having a deficit of 23% dry fodder, 32% green fodder and 36% concentrate, on dry matter basis. By the year 2025, the deficit of dry fodder, green fodder and concentrate would be 23%, 40% and 38%, respectively. The shortage of fodder may affect the milk production and thereby the dairy product.

(c) & (d) Union Government in conjunction with the State Governments and Union Territories has already taken necessary steps to bridge the gap of fodder through various ongoing Schemes viz., National Livestock Mission with a Sub Mission on Fodder and Feed Development and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana. Under these schemes, financial assistance is provided to all the States and Union Territories for various fodder development activities planned by them.