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MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2000
TO BE ANSWERED ON 1st AUGUST, 2023

COMPONENTS OF FODDER PRODUCTION

2000. **SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU:**
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Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMALHUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been rapidly decline of grassland cover, especially in the semi-arid regions and its impact on the livestock sector in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has taken initiatives to study the components of fodder production during the last five years;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the names of the leading States in terms of recovery tactics/afforestation measures taken for this declining cover;
- (e) the number of cow shelters in the country along with the number of cows being reared therein, State/UT-wise particularly in Odisha;
- (f) whether there is a directive or measure inplace to provide subsidies by the Government to these cow shelters; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof along with the details of criteria fixed for such assistance and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) Yes, Sir. As per the Desertification and Land Degradation Atlas of India of June 2021 prepared by Space Applications Centre, the area of degraded land in Semi Arid regions was estimated at 34.85 Million ha, 35.40 Million ha and 36.02 Million ha in 2003-05, 2011-13 and 2018-19 respectively, as a result, the availability of fodder for livestock is being affected.

(b) and (c) The Development Monitoring and Evaluation Office of NITI Aayog Government of India has submitted its sectoral report on Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries sector in July 2021. The report covers the study on the component of fodder production implemented by this department and has made recommendations.

(d) As per the Desertification and Land Degradation Atlas of India June 2021 prepared by Space Applications Centre around 23.79% (2018-19), 23.63% (2011-13) and 23.34% (2003-05) of the area undergoing desertification/land degradation with respect to Total Geographical Area (TGA) of the country is contributed by Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Karnataka, Ladakh UT, Jharkhand, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh and Telangana (in descending order). All other remaining States are contributing less than 1% (individually) w.r.t country TGA.

(e) As per Basic Animal Husbandry Statistics, total number of gaushala in the country including Odisha State is 7676. The State-wise detailed list of gaushala is attached at Annexure. The data regarding number of cows in those gaushalas are not maintained.

(f)&(g) As per the Article 246(3) of Constitution of India, preservation, protection and improvement of stock and prevention of animal diseases; veterinary training and practice are under State list for which the States have exclusive powers to make laws. As per Article 243(W) of Constitution of India, the local bodies are responsible for cattle pounds and pinjra pole. Therefore, the State may also endow panchayats to establish and run Cattle Pounds (Kanji Houses)/ Gaushala Shelters (community assets) to keep stray cattle. Many States have established Gaushalas and Shelter houses for stray cattle and provide for feeding of those animals.

In view of the above-mentioned constitutional provisions, the State is empowered to take appropriate action on stray animals. Further, the Animal Welfare Board of India is providing some assistance to establish Shelter by the Animal Board of India recognized as Animal Welfare Organizations to establish shelter.

ANNEXURE

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State-wise list of Gaushala in the country

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Others
1	Andhra Pradesh	56
2	Arunachal Pradesh	
3	Assam	16
4	Bihar	87
5	Chhattisgarh	117
6	Goa	9
7	Gujarat	1418
8	Haryana	640
9	Himachal Pradesh	221
10	Jammu & Kashmir	36
11	Jharkhand	31
12	Karnataka	220
13	Kerala	-
14	Madhya Pradesh	905
15	Maharashtra	222
16	Manipur	
17	Meghalaya	
18	Mizoram	Nil
19	Nagaland	-
20	Odisha	93
21	Punjab	447
22	Rajasthan	2269
23	Sikkim	-
24	Tamil Nadu	75
25	Telangana	175
26	Tripura	
27	Uttarakhand	34
28	Uttar Pradesh	582
29	West Bengal	
30	A&N Islands*	-
31	Chandigarh	3
32	Ladakh	0
33	D.&N. Haveli and Daman &Diu	6
34	Delhi	4
35	Lakshadweep	0
36	Puducherry*	-
All India		7676

‘-‘Not available/ not received,

*previous year data used.

Source: State/UTs Animal Husbandry Department

