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**Dear Sir /Madam,**

I again invite your attention to the predictions of IMD regarding shortfall of rains in the coming monsoon season. I have already apprised you of the same in my earlier D.O. letter of even number dated 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2014, requesting to gear up to address the availability of fodder in case the predictions come true.

2. The Department had already issued communications on this subject in the past, whereby an advisory on ensuring availability of feed and fodder was communicated to the State Governments. A copy of the latest advisory is again enclosed and is also available on the Department's website (dahd.nic.in / dadf.gov.in) for ready reference. I am sure you must be seized of the situation, and must be taking all necessary steps towards ensuring that any likely fodder crisis is averted from the very beginning.

3. I take this opportunity to remind you of some of the urgent steps to be taken for ensuring adequate supply of feed and fodder to the livestock.

4. In case, the State requires additional seeds of fodder varieties for covering additional area, agreements may be made with the seed supplying agencies for procurement of fodder seeds at the earliest, for supply to the farmers. Such farmers should be assured that the fodder seeds produced by them would be purchased by the State Government at a remunerative price. Funds under calamity relief, RKVY, or any other relevant State / Central scheme may be utilised for this purpose. Should the State requires additional funds, proposal may be submitted to this department for release of 75% central share under the component of Fodder Seed Procurement and Distribution under National Livestock Mission (NLM). A statement on availability of fodder seeds with different seed supplying agencies, as on 21.05.2014, is enclosed, and is also uploaded on the website. This list will be updated from time to time.

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