

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:216
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DAMAGE TO SOYABEAN CROP IN RAJASTHAN
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that the Soyabean crop has failed in Rajasthan, resulting in immense loss to the farmers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government propose to set up a Committee to look into the matter;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Union Government have provided relief in the form of grants to the farmers, whose crops have been destroyed; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) & (b) In the State of Rajasthan due to drought like conditions during current year, some damage has occurred to kharif crops including Soyabean. In addition, an attack of pest of Tobacco Caterpillar on Soyabean crop was also reported by the State during Kharif 2000 and the Government of India has sanctioned an amount of Rs.95lakhs to the State for pest-control measures to save the crop. The State has reported that the overall loss of Kharif oilseeds including Soyabean is 26% during the current year.

(c) & (d) It has been decided to send a team to the State to assess the damage on account of drought.

(e) & (f) An amount of Rs.168 crore has already been released from Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) of Government of India to the State Government. Inputs subsidy against crop losses suffered by farmers, is required to be disbursed from this amount. The Central Government has also introduced the Crop Insurance Scheme.