

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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FAILURE OF CROPS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether several States are facing serious situation due to failure of crops;
- (b) if so, the States affected by such failure;
- (c) the total loss in terms of money incurred by the agricultural sector particularly due to loss of Rabi and Kharif crops during the last three years including the current year;
- (d) whether the State Governments have requested the Union Government for immediate assistance to combat the failure of crops;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the decision taken by the Union Government thereon; and
- (f) the reasons for delay in approval of grant and release of funds to the concerned States?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SUNDER LAL PATWA)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. Due to spatial and temporal aberrations in the rainfall distribution, some of the States faced the failure of kharif crops. The groundnut crop was affected seriously in Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh. The kharif coarse cereals suffered in Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan. Due to super-cyclone, the paddy in Orissa was also damaged. However, in spite of these setbacks the overall foodgrains production scenario in the country satisfactory.

(c) : No data in terms of money loss is maintained.

(d) to (f): 15 States had submitted memoranda for assistance from the National Fund for Calamity Relief (NFCR) in the wake of various natural calamities, which also affect crops. Assistance from the NFCR was provided to 13 States. In respect of the remaining two States it was felt that the State Governments would have been in a position to manage the situation from the funds available under Calamity Relief Fund (CRF).