

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3372
ANSWERED ON:15.04.2002
COTTON /TUR CROP AFFECTED BY PESTS
GOWDAR MALLIKARJUNAPPA;IQBAL AHMED SARADGI;SHASHI KUMAR

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the farmers of Gulberga in ther State of Karnataka have been suffering from drought;
- (b) if so, whether the entire cotton crop as well as tur crop in the taluk has been affected by pests;
- (c) whether the sunflower which was being grown on a large scale has been stopped in the last two years owing to a virus scare;
- (d) if so, whether the Government of Karnataka has urged the Union Government to provide necessary help in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

- (a): The Government of Karnataka has informed that the farmers of Gulberga have been suffering from drought.
- (b): The late sown cotton and tur crops were found affected by pests.
- (c): No, Sir.
- (d) & (e): The State Government provided sufficient funds to subsidise pesticides for control of pests.