

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT IN FLOOD AFFECTED AREAS  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has drawn up any plan for agriculture development in flood prone areas of Assam and some other similar States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is aware of large scale attack of insects on crops in the districts bordering Bangladesh resulting in damage of crop of over 80 per cent;
- (d) if so, whether the Government has made any study of this situation; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a)&(b): The Government is implementing certain programmes under the Macro Management of Agriculture scheme with the purpose of augmenting agricultural production and productivity in various kinds of land including flood prone areas. The programmes include (i) Soil Conservation for Enhancing the Productivity of Degraded Lands in the Catchments of River Valley Project and Flood Prone River (RVP&FPR) which is being implemented in 27 States including Assam; and (ii) Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Rice-based Cropping System Areas (ICDP-Rice) which provides assistance for propagation of hybrid rice production technology, installation of sprinkler irrigation system, production of certified seeds etc. in various States including Assam.

(c)&(d): There is no report of migration of crop pest from Bangladesh to the bordering districts.

However, there are sporadic attack of pest in some districts which are endemic in nature. The pest situation in the States is regularly monitored through Central and State surveillance teams.

(e): Does not arise.