

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2385
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SHORTAGE OF CHILLI
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Chilli production has declined by around 30% due to unusual and prolonged rains this year in the country;
- (b) if so, whether this has resulted reduction in the availability of high quality Chilli;
- (c) whether the short supply could lead to an increase in price and negative impact on exports;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether exportable surplus of other varieties of chillies are also expected to be less this year because of fall in production; and
- (f) if so, the steps the Government proposes to take to meet the shortage?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

- (a): There has been some damage to the chilli production due to unusual and prolonged rains but the loss is not to the extent of 30%.
- (b): No, Sir. During the year 2005-06 about 60 to 70% of area sown is under good quality hybrid chilli.
- (c) & (d): No, Sir.
- (e) & (f): No, Sir.