

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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ASSISTANCE FOR CROP DAMAGE

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any crops have been damaged due to untimely rains in Maharashtra during 2009- 10;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of financial assistance provided/proposed to be provided by the Government to the farmers of Maharashtra?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a)&(b): Yes, Madam, due to untimely rains and cyclone in Maharashtra during 2009-10, major crops affected were paddy, Jowar, Ragi, Vegetables, Pulses, Oilseeds, Cotton, Sugarcane and other fruit crops. The area affected includes 5.9 lakh ha of foodgrains, 1.2 lakh ha vegetables, 0.3 lakh ha of cotton, 0.5 lakh ha Sugarcane, 0.08 lakh ha Oilseeds and 0.7 lakh ha of fruit Crops.

(c): Government of India released Rs.488.90 Crore from Central Share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) for taking immediate measures in the wake of national calamities including drought. The Government of Maharashtra distributed Rs.246 Crore as assistance to the affected farmers due to untimely rain, whose crops were affected more than 50% up to a limit of 2 hectare in the State of Maharashtra.