

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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DAMAGE TO CROPS BY WILD ANIMALS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a huge quantum of crops including pulses are being damaged by wild animals in the country including Kandi region;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has earmarked any fund under the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana scheme and National Food Security Mission to tackle the menace of wild animals; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Damage to crops particularly, Pulse crops due to wild animals such as Blue Bull is a problem in many of the States including Kandi region. For tackling the menace of Blue Bull (Neel Gai) which has emerged as a major threat to Pulse crops, an amount of Rs.2.00 crore has been ear-marked for the 11th Plan Period under National Food Security Mission (NFSM). Under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) also, States have been given flexibility to propose any activity that would help in enhancing agriculture production. The funds are released to the State Governments on the basis of projects approved in the State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC) meeting headed by the Chief Secretary of the concerned State. The Agriculture Department of the State Government is the nodal Department for implementing the scheme.