

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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POST HARVEST LOSS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are reports that a large quantity of perishable crops got damaged during transit from the harvest centre to the marketing place;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to check such loss and establish marketing infrastructure for procurement of crops with the private participation to reduce the post harvest loss; and
- (d) the details of financial assistance provided to the farmers for the loss incurred due to damage of crops during the each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise and year-wise?

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) & (b): A nation-wide assessment study of Quantitative harvest and post harvest losses of major agricultural crops and livestock produce has been carried out by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) between 2005-2007. The extent of losses for major fruits and vegetables is placed at Annexure. However, no separate information is maintained on damage of perishable crops during transit from the harvest center to the marketing place.
- (c): Government has taken a number of steps to establish marketing infrastructure for procurement of crops including with private participation to reduce post harvest loss. Government is implementing a centrally sponsored scheme on National Horticulture Mission under which assistance is provided for development of post harvest management