

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DAMAGE TO VEGETABLE CROPS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether incessant rains during monsoon in the country has damaged huge quantities of tomato and other fruits and vegetable crops and has also resulted in price rise of such commodities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government has taken steps to boost the production of tomato and other vegetable crops and to contain the prices of such commodities;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

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): No major damage to fruits and vegetable crops including tomato have been reported. However the following States have reported as under:-

State Status

Bihar No impact reported.

Chhattisgarh No impact reported.

Jharkhand No impact reported.

Madhya Pradesh No impact reported.

Punjab No impact reported.

Rajasthan No impact reported.

Uttar Pradesh No impact reported.

Andhra Pradesh There is a marginal damage in 300 ha of potato crop sown during the rabi season.

Haryana Estimated 1.92 lakh MT less production of vegetables upto September 2010 on year to year basis

Himachal Pradesh The production of fruit crops has been hit slightly by the monsoon this year. However, the production of fruits crop is the highest ever in the State this year (9.34 lakh MT as on 22.11.2010).

Jammu & Kashmir Rains have affected the production of fruit crops especially strawberry and cherry in Kashmir Division (Cherry 11000 MT and Strawberry 150 MT).

Karnataka The total loss as reported by Government of Karnataka due to incessant rains is 7606 tonnes of fruits and 1,36,787 tonnes of vegetables including tomato.

Uttarakhand Due to excessive rains this year production decreased by approximately 4% in potato, 5% in pea and 2% in other vegetables.

Gujarat, Maharashtra Recent erratic and untimely rains have and Rajasthan damaged the standing kharif crop of onion upto the extent of 10-15%.

(c) to (e): Ministry of Agriculture is implementing two Centrally Sponsored Schemes viz.,

(i) National Horticulture Mission and

(ii) Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH) for holistic development of horticulture including fruits and vegetables by adopting an area based regionally differentiated cluster approach.

In addition with the object of providing alternate markets and competitive prices for agri-produce, agricultural market reforms have been initiated, including amendment of Agricultural Produce Market Committee (APMC) Act by the state governments.