

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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DAMAGE TO CROPS BY BLUE BULLS  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether blue bulls are causing substantial damage to the crops of farmers; and
- (b) if so, the action proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

**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): The crop raiding activity by blue bulls poses a significant threat to agriculture and horticulture.

Following steps can prevent crop damage from blue bulls:-

- (i) Protection of natural habitats while planning developmental activities like agriculture, horticulture, construction of roads and dams within or on the periphery of the forest lands or protected areas.
- (ii) Fencing with local thorny material.
- (iii) Constant vigilance during the crop season employing sticks, noise, shouting etc.
- (iv) Use of trained dogs to deter the blue bulls.
- (v) Biological control through sterilization of male blue bull.
- (vi) Translocation.

Under the National Food Security Mission, provision has been made for tackling the menace of blue bulls.