

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:395
ANSWERED ON:02.08.2011
VIDARBHA PACKAGE
Sampath Shri Anirudhan

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has released any package for Vidarbha region of the country; and

(b) if so, the status of implementation of the Vidarbha package and the number of farmers benefitted therefrom including women farmers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b): A Rehabilitation Package with approved outlay of RS.3873.26 crores for mitigating distress faced by the farmers in the six identified districts of Vidarbha region of Maharashtra namely, Akola, Wardha, Amravati, Buldana, Wasimand Yavatmal is under implementation since July, 2006. As on 31st March, 2011, Rs.4388.88 crore has been released for implementation of various approved components of Vidarbha package. Based on information received from Government of Maharashtra, number of farmers including women farmers benefitted from implementation of various components of of Vidarbha package is given below:-

Sl. No.	Component	No. of Farmers (in lakh)
---------	-----------	-----------------------------

1	Interest Waiver	9.37
2	Micro Irrigation	0.92
3	Allied Activities	0.15

Number of farmers benefitted under seed distribution scheme.

Season	No. of farmers (in lakh)
--------	-----------------------------

Rabi, 2006	3.59
Khharif, 2007	8.59
Rabi, 2007	3.76
Khharif, 2008	8.59
Rabi, 2008	3.31
Khharif, 2009	11.02
Rabi, 2009	3.01