## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AGRICULTURE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1173 ANSWERED ON:29.11.2011 MANAGEMENT OF CROPS Rao Shri Sambasiva Rayapati

## Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is advising the farmers on sprays and management of crops in some States due to the attack of sheath blight and foot rot diseases on the crops;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Andhra Pradesh; and
- (c) the action taken by the State Governments thereon?

## **Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture and Co-operation (DAC) has established 31 Central Integrated Pest Management Centers (CIPMCs) in 28 States and one UT under the scheme "Strengthening and Modernization of Pest Management Approach in India". Each CIPMC educates the farmers and State Agricultural Extension Officers through Farmers' Field Schools (FFS) and various short / long term training programmes organized under Human Resources Development Programmes (HRDP) to manage inter alia sheath blight and foot rot diseases in all the States / UT of the country, including Andhra Pradesh.

Foot rot (Bakanae) recently emerged as a serious disease in Pusa Basmati 1121 variety in Punjab, Haryana and Western Uttar Pradesh. The disease was successfully managed by seed treatment.

Occurrence of Sheath Blight has been recorded at isolated spots, but there is no Foot rot on the field crops in Andhra Pradesh.

(c): The farmers were advised by State Governments to adopt recommended disease management practices viz. seed treatment, use of resistant and tolerant varieties and avoiding stagnation of water for long time in the fields.