

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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INCLUSION IN CALAMITY LIST
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to include `frost` in the category of natural calamities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any survey about the losses suffered on account of frost in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) & (b): The Government of India has constituted a Group of Ministers (GoM) to look into the issue of inclusion of cold wave/frost as an eligible calamity for relief under SDRF/NDRF. The GoM has considered the matter and suggested the constitution of a working group of agricultural scientists/ experts to examine the issue of quantifying the damages caused by cold wave/ frost for assistance as appropriate. Based on the report of the working group a final decision on the issue of its inclusion will be taken.

(c) to (d): This Ministry has not conducted survey about the losses suffered on account of frost in the country.