

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CROP LOSS DUE TO HAILSTORM
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are reports of crop loss due to hailstorm and frost in the country including Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the extent of loss suffered by the States during each of the last three years and the current year, State and crop-wise; and
- (c) the details of assistance demanded by the States and given to them during the above said period?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): There are reports of crop loss due to hailstorm and frost in the country. Madhya Pradesh reported crop loss of 35.88 lakh hectares due to cold wave/frost in 2010-11 and Kerala reported crop loss of 855 hectares due to hailstorm during the year 2009-10.

(c): Frost/Cold wave is not an eligible calamity for assistance under State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) and National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF). The Government of Kerala demanded Rs.168.22 crore for the drought and hailstorm of 2009-10. The Government of India approved an amount of Rs.33.02 crore to the Government of Kerala subject to adjustment of 75% of available balance in State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) of the State Government.