

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3032
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ATTACK BY SHEATH BLIGHT AND FOOT ROT DISEASES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government is advising the farmers on use of sprays and management of crops in some States due to the attack by sheath blight and foot rot diseases;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Andhra Pradesh during the last three years; and
- (c) the funds spent for this purpose, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The Union Government has been advising the farmers in almost all the States of India including Andhra Pradesh on use of sprays and management of crops due to the attack by sheath blight and foot rot diseases through timely advisories being made on the basis of pest and diseases surveys conducted by the Central Integrated Pest Management (CIPMCs) located in different States of India. The advisories are also rendered on these aspects in the farmers field schools being organized by these CIPMCs.

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

(c): No funds were exclusively provided for advisories sent on these diseases by Union Government.