

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1348
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ASSISTANCE TO ORANGE PRODUCERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from the State Government of Maharashtra for financial assistance to orange producing farmers of the state to eradicate crop disease;
- (b) if so, whether any compensation has been provided by the Government to the affected farmers;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the time by which the Government is likely to undertake necessary survey at the Central level for providing compensation to the orange growers to offset the loss caused by insects?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

(a) to (d): State Horticulture and Medicinal Plants Board, Maharashtra proposed an outlay of Rs.65.88 lakh in the Annual Action Plan for 2012-13 for control of gummosis disease in citrus crop in the State under National Horticulture Mission and the entire amount has been released to the State. However, no proposal for financial assistance to eradicate any disease in orange has been received from Government of Maharashtra during 2012-13.