

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:207
ANSWERED ON:12.03.2013
LOSS OF RABI CROPS
Panda Shri Prabodh

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the rabi crops in the Northern and Eastern parts of the country have been damaged by cold waves;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has made any contingency plan to compensate the affected farmers for the losses suffered by them; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

- (a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.207 DUE FOR REPLY ON 12TH MARCH, 2013.

- (a) to (d) As per information received from the Government of Madhya Pradesh, cold wave/frost conditions during January, 2013 have affected rabi crops in about 1,77,582 ha area in 20 districts of the State. List of the affected districts/crops is at Annexure-A.

State Government can initiate appropriate relief measures in the wake of loss/damage to crops due to natural calamities including cold wave from funds readily available under State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF). Additional financial assistance, over and above SDRF, can be provided from National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF), upon receipt of detailed memorandum from the State Government following which Inter Ministerial Central Team (IMCT) is deputed for assessing the situation and recommending central assistance as per established procedure and extant norms.