

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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YELLOW RUST ATTACK ON WHEAT CROP  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the large scale yellow rust attack on wheat crop in several parts of the country including Haryana;
- (b) if so, the main reasons for recurrence of the disease along with its likely impact on wheat production during the current year; and
- (c) the preventive steps taken by the Government to check the spread of such disease which resulted in heavy losses to the wheat crop?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. CHARAN DAS MAHANT)

- (a): Wheat yellow rust has been observed in Haryana (05 districts), Punjab (04 districts), Himachal Pradesh (01 district) and Jammu & Kashmir (01 district).
- (b): Wheat yellow rust is appearing since 2006-07 in parts of Punjab, Haryana, Jammu & Kashmir, Ultrakhand and Himachal Pradesh due to occurrence of Puccinia striiformis pathotypes. The situation in the current year is under control and wheat production is not likely to be affected.
- (c): Wheat yellow rust is being managed by taking various preventive measures like promotion of yellow rust resistant varieties, timely arrangement of fungicide, regular survey and surveillance, detection of disease through establishment of trap nurseries at various hotspot locations, organization of awareness campaigns and trainings.