

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1902
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NEEL GAAYS
Singh Rajkumari Ratna

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether standing crops of farmers are being heavily damaged by `Neel Gaays` in the country, particularly in Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the measures taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (c) the extent to which the Government has succeeded in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

- (a): Yes, Madam. Standing crops of farmers are being damaged by "Neel gai" in the country particularly in the state of Uttar Pradesh.
- (b) & (c): For tackling the menace of blue bull (Neel gai) which has emerged as major threat to pulse crop, a provision of Rs. 2 crores has been earmarked during 11th Plan under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Food Security Mission – Pulses for implementation of pilot projects on Blue Bull.

In Uttar Pradesh, District Magistrates, Sub-District Magistrates, Block Development Officers have been empowered to issue permits for killing the blue bulls. Besides the campaign for castrations of blue bull is also in practice. In addition, use of barbed wire fencing is in practice to control the menace of blue bulls.