

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4084  
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IMPACT OF EXCESSIVE RAIN ON ONION CROP  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether incessant rains in Maharashtra has damaged the onion crops; and
- (b) the extreme loss of onion crops and its likely impact on onion prices?

**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. Approximately 15-20% of the kharif onion crop in Solapur, Satara and Kolhapur districts of Maharashtra got partly damaged due to heavy and continuous rains in last week of September.
- (b): Only 10% of the total crop area of these districts was affected therefore not much impact has been seen on onion prices.