

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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DAMAGE TO CROPS BY WILD ANIMALS  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether wild animals including Nilgais, Pig have caused huge damage to crops in various parts in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the preventive action being taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE ( SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIA )

(a) & (b): Incidence of damage to crops by wild animals including Nilgais and Wild Pig are reported in various parts of the country from time to time. However, as the management of forest and wildlife is the responsibility of State Governments, state-wise data of such incidents are not collated at the level of Government of India.

(c): Government of India provides financial assistance to State/Union Territory Governments under the Centrally Sponsored schemes of 'Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats', 'Project Tiger' and 'Project Elephant' for management of wildlife and its habitats in the country. The activities supported under the schemes inter alia include construction/erection of physical barriers, such as barbed wire fence, solar powered electric fence, bio-fencing using cactus, boundary walls etc. to prevent the entry of wild animals into crop fields; improvement of wildlife habitat of wild animals by augmenting the availability of food and water in forest areas to reduce the migration of animals from forests to habitation and setting up of anti-depredation squads to drive away problematic animals. Advisories have been circulated to states from time to time on management of wild animals including Nilgai and Wild Pig for protecting the agriculture crops.