

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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Banana Disease

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has made a survey to find out the Banana Plantation affected by Cucumber Mosaic Virus (CMV) across the country, particularly in Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to protect the banana plantation from the said disease?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

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(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) – National Research Center for Banana, Tiruchchirappalli, Tamil Nadu conducted several roving surveys during the year 2014-15 for viral disease in banana including Cucumber Mosaic Virus (CMV) across India including in Jalgaon district of Maharashtra. The observation recorded in surveys revealed the incidence of Cucumber Mosaic Virus (CMV) disease in banana to the extent of 30%.

(c): The following steps were taken by the Government to protect banana plantation from the disease:

i. Pest and disease advisories were disseminated to the farmers.

ii. The farmers were advised to plant disease free suckers of banana, to keep banana plantation fields weed free, roughing of virus infected plants on appearance of symptoms and spraying of pesticides as recommended by the Central Insecticide Board & Registration Committee (CIB&RC).
