

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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Fruit Rot Disease in Areca Plantation  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware that Kale roga (Fruit Rot Disease) is widespread in Areca plantations in Karnataka and has dampened the spirit of farmers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of farmers affected by the Fruit Rot disease;
- (c) whether the Government has given compensation to the affected farmers, if so, the details along with the amount disbursed for the affected farmers; and
- (d) the details of the precautionary measures which are likely to be initiated by the Government to control the disease?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

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- (a): The Government is aware that some area in Malnad and Coastal districts of Chikmagalur, Dakshina kannada, Shimoga, Uttara Kannada, Udupi and Kodagu in Karnataka is affected by Koleroga (Fruit Rot Disease) in arecanut plantations.
- (b): Koleroga (Fruit Rot) disease is caused by fungus *Phytophthora meadii*, usually noticed every year in heavy rainfall areas of Malnad and Coastal and coastal districts of Karnataka as per information provided by the Government of Karnataka. In 2013-14, an area of 89564 (hectare) was infested, affecting 1,66,973 farmers.
- (c): In 2013-14, Under State Disaster Response Fund/National disaster Response Fund (SDRF/NDRF) Scheme, a compensation of Rs.100.87 lakhs was disbursed to the affected farmers.
- (d): Government of Karnataka organizes training programmes and demonstration in association with Agriculture/Horticulture Universities to educate the farmers on strategies to be adopted for effective management of fruit rot. In addition to the above, Financial assistance in the form of subsidies are provided to the farmers for the purchase of plant protection chemicals under National Horticulture Mission and State Government schemes.

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