

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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Pomegranate Production
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total quantum of pomegranate produced in the country during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) whether huge loss has been suffered by the pomegranate producers of various States including Maharashtra and Karnataka owing to vagaries of weather;
- (c) if so, the number of affected producers in the country including Maharashtra during the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and
- (d) the financial and other assistance provided by the Government to these pomegranate producers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

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- (a): The State wise production of Pomegranate in the country in 2014-15, during the last three years and the current year, is given at Annexure – I.
- (b): Yes Due to vagaries of weather huge losses had been suffered by the pomegranate producers of Karnataka and Maharashtra during recent past.
- (c): Karnataka and Maharashtra are the two major Pomegranate producing states in India. The number of affected producers in Karnataka and Maharashtra during the last three years and the current year are given at Annexure – II.
- (d): The Government has provided financial assistance to the affected Pomegranate producers details of which are as under:

In Karnataka an amount of about Rs. 21,635 lakhs has been released under National Disaster Relief Fund (NDRF) for the Agriculture and Horticulture crops including Pomegranate affected due to hail storms during April 2015.

In Maharashtra, a total package of compensation programme has been implemented on 79988 hectare and an assistance of Rs. 18893.8 lakh has been given to affected farmers whose crop was damaged during 2012 to 2015 due to natural calamity like high rainfall, hail storm etc.