GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AGRICULTURE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2533 ANSWERED ON:09.12.2014 CROPS LOSS DUE TO FOG Nete Shri Ashok Mahadeorao

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the crops have been damaged due to fog in certain parts of the country during the last three years and the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the assistance provided or proposed to be provided to the affected farmers for the purpose during the said period, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Currently fog is not included in the list of notified calamities eligible for assistance from National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF)/State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF). As such, Ministry of Agriculture has not received any relief memorandum from States during last three years and current year seeking central assistance from NDRF in the wake of crop damage due to fog. However, during the same period, States of Haryana and Madhya Pradesh have sought central assistance in the wake of cold wave/frost.

Details of crop area damaged and assistance provided to these States are at Annexure-A.