

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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POMEGRANATE PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the pomegranate growers of the various States including Maharashtra are suffering huge losses as the crop failed due to Bacterial Blight Disease (BBD);
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of affected growers during each of the last three years and current year, State-wise;
- (c) the details of the funds provided by the Government and utilised by such States during the last three years and current year, State-wise;
- (d) whether any proposals are pending with the Union Government relating to providing financial assistance to the affected pomegranate producers of Maharashtra; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which the funds are likely to be released to the affected State?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): As per information received from Maharashtra and Karnataka, the details of area affected along with number of growers is as given below:-

Year	No. off affected farmers	Karnataka		Maharashtra	
2011-12	2807	18020	1841	12937	
2012-13	2229	22155	1164	15324	
2013-14	2881	24012	1416	22099	
2014-15	2513	52954	1403	40327	

(c): A statement indicating funds released to pomegranate growing states, including Maharashtra, under the National Horticulture Mission (NHM) sub scheme of Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), is at Annexure.

(d) & (e): No proposal seeking financial assistance for pomegranate producers of Maharashtra has been received.