

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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CROP INSURANCE CLAIMS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Monsoon 2012 was much below normal and farmers suffered heavy crop losses in Saurashtra, North and Central Gujarat region, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that against Rs. 2828 crores of crop insurance claims in respect of groundnut, paddy, maize and bajra crops about 5.95 lakh farmers of forty five Talukas of Gujarat AIC has made final settlement of claims by disbursing a sum of Rs. 1607 crore only; and

(c) if so, whether the Government proposes to reconsider its decision and settle the insurance claims of all farmers as per the provision of National Agriculture Insurance Scheme (NAIS)?

Answer

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

(a): According to rainfall data maintained by Indian Meteorological Department, Gujarat region had got 28% deficient rainfall during monsoon 2012. Saurashtra and Kutch region had got 34% deficient rainfall for the same period. During Kharif 2012 production of foodgrains was 35.88 lakh tonnes in 22.00 lakh hectares sown against production of 39 lakh tonnes in 27.79 lakh hectare area sown during Kharif 2011.

(b) & (c): The claims have already been paid to all eligible farmers on the basis of area sown data furnished by the State Government and after application of area correction/reduction factor as area insured in some areas was more than the area sown. An amount of Rs.2191 crore have been paid during Kharif 2012 in Gujarat towards final settlement of all claims, details of which are given below:

Crops	Claims paid (Rs. In lakhs)	No. of Farmers benefitted
Bajra	608.75	38172
Castor	52.99	53
Groundnut	185474.94	618504
Maize	36.40	4703
Paddy	2514.97	8375
Seasum	0.59	3
Cotton	30368.69	180831
Total	219057.33	850641