

Title: Need to provide compensation to the opium cultivators of Hadoti region of Rajasthan for damage caused to their crops due to hailstorm - Laid.

SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH (JHALAWAR): The people of the Hadoti region are very much agitated due to the destruction of their opium crop due to hailstorm. This region where opium is grown in Hadoti region comprises of Jhalawar, Barar and Chittorogarh districts.

Every year opium policy is made for the opium farmers by the Finance Ministry. Last year stringent policy was made for the farmers such as :

- i. Opium pattas were reduced to 10 acres as compared to the previous year's of 20 acres.
- ii. The cultivator had to tender an average yield of 56 Kg/per hectare.

There is no suitable provision made for farmers in case of natural disaster such as hailstorm or torrential rain.

I urge upon the Government to carry out individual survey of the farmers, who are affected due to severe hailstorm in the region, so that the marginal farmers involved in Opium cultivation get adequate compensation for the destruction of the opium crop.