

<i>S. No.</i>	<i>Name of State</i>	<i>Number of families</i>
4.	Maharashtra	39
5.	Punjab	1293
6.	Chandigarh	216
7.	Madhya Pradesh	75
8.	Himachal Pradesh	66
9.	Gujarat	54

Establishment of Kutch Development Board

650. SHRI BALVANT MANVAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any request from Gujarat Government for the establishment of Kutch Development Board; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) No proposal in this regard had been received from the Government of Gujarat.

(b) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Diseases Affecting Sugarcane

651. SHRI C. D. GAMIT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether sugarcane crops have been

affected by wilt and white fly;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by Government to protect sugarcane crops from these diseases and the details of pesticides being used to combat the same;

(d) whether Government have set up or propose to set up any research centre to check these diseases; and

(e) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) and (b). No, Sir, there are no reports of widespread or severe incidence of these pests on sugarcane. However, milk and sporadic incidence of wilt in certain areas of Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Tamilnadu and white fly in parts of Gujarat, Karnataka and Maharashtra has been reported in the recent past.

(c) The following practices have been recommended to the farmers for the control of wilt and white fly:-