

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. 133**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2021

**DAMAGE DUE TO HEAVY RAINS**

\*133. SHRI SAUMITRA KHAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) the value of agricultural and horticultural crops damaged due to heavy rains in West Bengal during the last year;
- (b) whether the Government has conducted any survey in this regard and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide assistance to farmers under National Disaster Relief Fund to cover the said losses, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government has received any request in this regard and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to cover the loss of life, property and livestock along with the details thereof; and
- (f) whether the Government has released any funds in this regard, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 133 DUE FOR REPLY ON 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2021.**

(a) to (f): The State Governments undertake relief measures in the wake of natural disasters from the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) already placed at their disposal in accordance with Government of India approved items and norms. Additional assistance is extended from the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) as per established procedure. The assistance approved under SDRF/NDRF norms is provided in the form of relief.

5.71 lakh hectare of agriculture/horticulture cropped area was reported to have been affected in West Bengal due to cyclonic storm "Amphan" during 2020. An amount of Rs.2250.28 crore under NDRF and Rs.1011.00 crore (central share) under SDRF was released to the State during 2020-21.

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