

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH & EDUCATION

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-812
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 09/02/2024

LOSS OF CROPS DUE TO MONKEY MENACE

812. SHRI K.R. SURESH REDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any research is being conducted to understand the effect of monkey menace in crop damage in rural areas, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether any financial assistance is in place to compensate for crop damage/livestock injuries caused by monkeys in rural areas, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) type of non-lethal deterrents or Government interventions like sterilization programs being implemented in rural areas to manage monkey population;
- (d) whether funds have been allocated to meet loss of crops due to monkey menace in the country during last three years; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI ARJUN MUNDA)

(a) to (e): Management of human-wildlife conflict including those involving monkeys is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State/UT Governments. The provisions of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 are applicable in respect of those animals which are listed in Schedules appended to it.

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has issued advisory/guidelines including for dealing with damage to crops due to human-wildlife conflicts. Further, that Ministry has issued guidelines on 21.03.2023 regarding human wildlife conflict mitigation which also includes Mitigation of Human–Rhesus Macaque Conflict. Financial assistance is provided by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change to States under Centrally Sponsored Schemes for management of human-wildlife conflict in and around protected areas and conducting awareness campaigns to sensitize and advise the general public.

Under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, the provisions has been made so as states can provide add-on coverage for crop loss due to attack by wild animals wherever the risk is perceived to be substantial and in identifiable. The operational guidelines of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) issued by Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare are available on National Crop Insurance Programme (NCIP) www.pmfby.gov.in.
