

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.215
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11TH DECEMBER, 2018

EXTINCTION OF POLLINATORS

215. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the UN warning that 40 per cent of invertebrate pollinators face the risk of global extinction and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether there is any plans envisaging to increase the population of pollinators which is a vital and cascading factor of agricultural production; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a): No such information is available with the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).

(b) & (c): The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is implementing an All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP) on Honey bees and Pollinators with the objectives of exploration and conservation of pollinator resources. The AICRP on Honey bees and Pollinators, inter alia, are actively involved in developing protocols for the mass multiplication of pollinators like bumble bees, carpenter bees and stingless bees, conducting multi location and multi institutional studies on evaluating the impact of neonicotinoids on pollinators and organizing awareness programmes on pollinators health and pollination management.
