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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2083
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15TH MARCH, 2022

DAMAGE DUE TO LOCUSTS

2083. SHRI MALOOK NAGAR:

Will the Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the locusts have caused a lot of damage to the crops across the country in the last two years till date;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the details of the total damage caused by locusts attack to the crops during the last two years, State-wise; and
- (d) the amount of compensation provided to the farmers by the Government whose crops have been damaged by the locusts?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (c) Locust attack is not a regular phenomenon and large scale incursions occur in cycles of heightened activity for a couple of years followed by long periods of inactivity. Locust attacks were reported in India during 2019-20 and 2020-21 when locusts migrated to India after a gap of 26 years. During 2019-20, locust incursion was reported in three States, Rajasthan, Gujarat and Punjab, while in 2020-21, locust incursion was reported in ten States, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Haryana, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra. The details of area affected and the crop damage in affected States are given at Annexure.

(d) For 2019-20, State Government of Rajasthan reported that an amount of Rs. 132.85 crore was disbursed to 87626 beneficiaries through State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) as Agriculture Input Subsidy and an amount of Rs. 565.20 crores was disbursed to 204215 beneficiaries through Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana. Further, financial assistance of Rs.68.65 crores was provided to Rajasthan under National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF). State Government of Gujarat reported that an amount of Rs. 20.34 crore was provided to affected farmers.

For 2020-21, State Government of Rajasthan reported that compensation of Rs. 15.29 lakhs was disbursed through SDRF. State Government of Uttar Pradesh reported that an amount of Rs. 3.25 Lakhs was provided to 112 affected farmers.

Annexure

Annexure referred in reply to part (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2083 for reply on 15.03.2022

2019-2020		
States	Affected Area in hect.	% damage
Rajasthan	1,57,279	Above 33%
Gujarat	22,067	Above 33%
Punjab	-Nil-	-Nil-
2020-21		
Rajasthan	489.72	Above 33%
Gujarat	No crop loss	Nil
Punjab	No crop loss	Nil
Chhattisgarh	No crop loss	Nil
Bihar	No crop loss	Nil
Uttarakhand	Minimal loss	Nil
Haryana	Minimal loss	Nil
Maharashtra	805.8	Below 33%
Uttar Pradesh	28.86	Very nominal
MadhyaPradesh	4400	Partial crop loss of 10-15%
