

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 56
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2nd FEBRUARY, 2022

DAMAGE TO COFFEE PLANTATIONS

56. SHRI PRAJWAL REVANNA:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the distress of coffee growers due to double whammy of unseasonal heavy rains in the midst of a harvesting season and loss of coffee plants and bean in Malnad districts of Karnataka namely Kodagu, Chikmagalur and particularly in Sakleshpur, Alur blocks of Hassan a major coffee growing region of the country;
- (b) if so, the details of loss of crop area due to landslide and heavy rain, district-wise;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the Government is paying meagre compensation of Rs. 6000 per acre to the distressed coffee planters, if so, the details and the steps taken by the Government to pay adequate compensation to farmers keeping in view of increased cost of labour, fertilizers, chemicals, etc.;
- (d) whether the Government has any plan to waive off loan borrowed by the coffee planters and announce special package to protect the interest of distressed farmers; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती अनुप्रिया पटेल)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

- (a) & (b): Untimely rain in the coffee growing regions has caused damage to the standing coffee crop as well as hampered harvesting and processing of Arabica crop. Region wise crop loss of Arabica reported in the month of November 2021 is as under:

District	No. of growers	Total extent under coffee in (Ha.)	Loss of production (MT)
Chikkamagaluru	15368	49300	11500
Hassan	10554	26027	3995
Kodagu	7456	24103	7645
Grand Total	33,378	99,430	23,140

The details of crop loss in taluks of Hassan district is as under:

Name of the taluk	No. of growers	Total extent under coffee in (Ha.)	Loss of production (MT)
Sakaleshpur	4454	9840	2380
Alur	1935	5293	1095
Belur	3759	10160	320
Arakalgud	406	734	200
Total	10554	26027	3995

Source: Coffee Board

(c) : The financial assistance of Rs.18,000/Ha. is extended by the District Administration under NDRF/SDRF, where the crop loss is 33% and above subject to a ceiling of 2Ha. per farmer. In addition, Coffee Board through its scheme “Integrated Coffee Development Project” has provided financial assistance amounting to Rs.159.86 crores during the last three years i.e. 2018-19 to 2020-21 (up to December 2021) under various interventions such as technology transfer, capacity building, support to mechanization of estates, coffee area development, market development, support to value addition and research & development etc. for overall improvement of production, productivity and quality of coffee.

(d) &(e): Guidelines issued by RBI on 17.10.2018 provides for restructuring of loans due to natural calamities. Further, Interest Subvention Scheme is already being implemented by Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare which covers short term loans upto 3 lakhs at effective rate of 4% per annum for coffee plantation sector. At present, no proposal for loan waiver or special package for coffee plantation sector is under consideration.
