

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1715
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27th JULY, 2022

COFFEE GROWERS

1715. 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 crops in Malnad districts of Karnataka namely Kodagu (Coorg), Chikmagalur and particularly in Sakleshpur, Alur and Belur blocks of Hassan Lok Sabha constituency, 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 to distressed coffee planters keeping in view of input cost like fertiliser, chemicals and labour;
- (d) if so, the details of compensation paid per acre to farmers;
- (e) whether the Government has any plans to waive off loan borrowed by the coffee planters and announce special package to protect the interest of distressed farmers; and
- (f) 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 last harvesting season (October 2021 to March 2022) 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	Average extent of loss (%)	No. of growers	Total extent under coffee in (Ha.)	Loss of production (MT)
Sakaleshpur	35	4454	9840	2380
Alur	35	1935	5293	1095
Belur	33	3759	10160	320
Arakalgud	35	406	734	200
Total		10554	26027	3995

Source: Coffee Board

(c) & (d): 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. 175.01 crores during the last four year i.e. 2018-19 to 2021-22 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.

(e) & (f): Guidelines issued by RBI on 17.10.2018 provides for restructuring of loans due to natural calamities. Coffee growers are eligible for interest free crop loan upto Rs.3 lakhs.
