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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1408
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 29TH JULY, 2025

CROPS DETROYED BY WILD ANIMALS

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

- (a) whether crops are being destroyed in huge quantities by wild animals- deer and wild boar (Ran dukkar) in Beed district in Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the measures taken by the Government so far to prevent the loss;
- (c) whether the Government is contemplating to implement a special scheme, compensation system or fencing scheme to protect the crops from these wild animals in Beed district; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) & (b): Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) provides for comprehensive risk insurance against crop damage due to non-preventable natural risks from pre-sowing to post-harvest for the crops/areas notified by the concerned State Government. The losses to crops due to wild animals, being preventable in nature, were therefore not covered earlier. However, at the request of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and State Governments, States have been allowed to notify the losses by wild animals on individual assessment as add on cover at the cost of State Government. Detailed protocol for such coverage has been given in the Operational Guidelines of the scheme. As informed by the State Government, Government of Maharashtra has never notified this add on cover under the PMFBY.

(c) & (d): The Central Government provides financial assistance to States/ Union Territories under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes "Development of Wildlife Habitats", "Project Tiger" and "Project Elephant" for management of wildlife and its habitat in the country. The activities supported under the scheme include construction/erection of physical barriers such as barbed wire fence, solar powered electric fence, bio-fencing using cactus, boundary walls etc. to prevent the entry of wild animals into crop fields.
