

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON

LOSS OF CROPS DUE TO HEAVY RAINS AND FLOODS .

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is a fact that the recent heavy rains and floods caused great loss to standing crop;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this has brightened prospects of next harvest; and
- (d) if so, to what extent?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(SHRI K.V. THOMAS)

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. Due to cyclonic storms/heavy rains/floods/landslides/cloudburst etc. about 24.89 lakh ha of cropped area have been affected as on 03.11.2010. (Annexure)

In Jammu & Kashmir about 20-30% of Kharif area was affected in the districts of Jammu, Samba and Rajouri due to heavy rains and hailstorms; both standing crops as well as harvested paddy crop were affected resulting in lodging of standing crop and shattering of grains. In Punjab, Kharif crop in two Blocks in Ropar district was affected. Similarly, Himachal Pradesh reported 5-10% crop loss due to heavy rains, snow falls and hailstorms. In valley land of hills of North Eastern region, Paddy crop was affected to some extent due to silt/sand deposition. In Andhra Pradesh cyclonic heavy rains in October, 2010 damaged the crops in an area of 364298 ha. in 17 districts. Mainly paddy crop was affected severally resulting in lodging of standing paddy crop in an area of about 149101 ha.

The moisture received due to recent rains have brightened the prospects of Rabi crops such as Wheat, Pulses, Oilseeds, late sown Paddy and contingency crops. In Tamilnadu, Rabi crops have been benefited from the recent cyclonic rains and state has reported increase in water level in all irrigation tanks.