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Answer to the Lok Sabha Q Dy. No. 969

a) Whether standing/ready to harvest agricultural crops including wheat have adversely been damaged recently in various parts of the country due to unseasonal rain and hailstorm and drought;

Hailstorms were observed at isolated places over Uttarakhand and west Madhya Pradesh and thunderstorms were observed at a few places over Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Haryana and Chandigarh & Delhi during mid-March.

b) if so, the details of crop losses reported in the country and estimated monetary losses suffered by the farmers due to damage of such crops and compensation given to them, state-wise;

Punjab: Reports appearing in the press indicates that wheat standing on about 1,500 acres in Amritsar district suffered nearly 40 per cent damage due to rain and strong winds. About 40 per cent of the wheat crop in 16 villages of the Chogawan and Ajnala blocks suffered damage.

Haryana: Hailstorms were reported from many pockets from districts of Sirsa, Fatehabad, Hisar, Bhiwani, JInd, Rohtak and Jhajjar. The damage may vary from 25-100% depending upon the intensity of hailstorm.

Rajasthan: Unseasonal rains and hailstorm occurred over several parts of the state during 1st week of March. At some places rabi crops were completely lodged and shattering of grains in mustard and wheat was reported. The wheat crop which is at physiological maturity at several places is lodged due to rainfall.

c) Whether the government proposes to launch any campaign/issue advisory to prevent loss of rabi and kharif crops in the event of natural calamities such as unseasonal rain and hailstorm in the country; and

- No information

d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/being taken by the in this regard ?

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