

Seventeenth Loksabha

an>

Regarding problems faced by farmers due to climate change

DR. AMAR SINGH (FATEHGARH SAHIB): I thank you, Hon. Chairman Sir. The year 2022 has been very bad for farmers of Punjab and my constituency Fatehgarh Sahib. In March-April, heat wave came that reduced the production of wheat by 20-25%. A lot of cattle died due to lumpy skin disease. A Chinese dwarf virus hit our paddy crop. It led to reduction of paddy crop too by 20-25%. Bassi Pathana, Sirhind, Amlah, Payal, Raikot, Sahnewal etc. in my Fatehpur Sahib constituency bore the brunt. All farmers are in a dismal condition.

Sir, Punjab contributes 35 to 40% foodgrains in the Central foodgrain stock. Due to less paddy and wheat production in Punjab, the Central foodgrain stock is at its lowest. Climate change is responsible for this. Farmers who have suffered must be bailed out via a special economic package.

Secondly, a special fund should be created. India is a competent country where new research should be able to forecast climate change in advance so that farmers are aware in advance. Thank you.