

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:724
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DESTRUCTION OF COTTON AND SOYABEAN CROPS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the bad weather conditions and excessive rains have destroyed the cotton and soyabean crops in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Temil Nadu;
- (b) if so, whether the farmers in the cyclonic rains affected areas have suffered heavy losses and have been forced to commit suicide; and
- (c) if so, the preventive measures taken by the Government to save lives and properties of the poor farmers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): Yes, Sir. Cotton and Soyabean crops have been damaged due to bad weather and excessive rains in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka. However, there is no report of damage of cotton and soyabean crops in the State of Tamil Nadu.

(b)&(c): No suicide has been reported in this regard. The farmers are protected against natural calamities through National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS), the Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) and the National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF).