

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3866  
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DISEASE IN SILKWORM COCOONS  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether an outbreak of Muscardine disease among the silkworm cocoons due to heavy rains in the producing States of Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any measures have been adopted by the Government to curtail the disease; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The loss has been provisionally estimated at 10 to 15%.

(c)&(d): The Central Silk Board has advised the concerned State Governments to organize awareness campaigns and disinfection programmes in the affected areas on a war-footing. The State Governments have also been advised to send indents for any additional requirement of funds for this purpose under the Catalytic Development Schemes. The following amounts of funds have already been released for the procurement and supply of disinfectants during the current year:-

(i) Karnataka - Rs.7.18 lakh (through CSB's Research Institute, Mysore)

(ii) Tamilnadu - Rs.8.61 lakh

(iii) Andhra Pradesh - Rs.7.81 lakh