

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2347
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DAMAGE TO SUGAR CROPS DUE TO FLOOD IN MAHARASHTRA
Gadakh Shri Tukaram Gangadhar

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the last year's flood and deluge in Maharashtra has caused enormous damage to sugarcane crops and the soil;
- (b) if so, the extent of damage caused to standing sugarcane crops and the soil sustaining such crops; and
- (c) the Central financial assistance provided to the State to make up the losses?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The floods in Maharashtra during July and August, 2005 damaged more than 50% sugarcane crop over an area of 66292 hectares. Further, top soil over an area of 25709 hectares was also lost.

(c): An amount of Rs.15.91 crores was approved from National Calamity Contingency Fund for damaged sugarcane crop to the affected farmers upto 2 hectare. However, no assistance was provided from the National Calamity Contingency Fund for the loss of top soil, as this item is not covered under the norms of the scheme.