

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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DAMAGE DUE TO HAILSTORM

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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the recent hailstorm has caused extensive damage to the crops in the country, particularly in Bihar;
- (b) if so, whether any central team has been sent/proposed to be sent to make an assessment of the loss suffered in various States;
- (c) if so, whether the teams have submitted their reports; and
- (d) if so, the details of assistance provided to various States?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a): The State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa and Rajasthan are the only four States, which have reported damage due to recent hailstorms, in the respective States. No such report has been received from the State of Bihar. The extent of damage to crops, as reported by these four States, is as under:-

State	Cropted area damaged (in lakh ha.)
Andhra Pradesh	0.38
Madhya Pradesh	5.12
Orissa	0.12
Rajasthan	0.57

(b) to (d): The impact of hailstorms are normally localized and the concerned State Governments generally met the expenditure on relief operations in the affected areas out of their corpus of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF), in accordance with the approved norms.

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The State Government of Madhya Pradesh is the only State which has submitted a memorandum seeking Central assistance for relief operations in the areas affected by recent hailstorms. As per the laid down procedure, an Inter-Ministerial Central Team was constituted by the Ministry of Agriculture and the Central Team has already visited the affected areas in the State of Madhya Pradesh from 28th - 31st March 2006 for assessment of the damage and requirement of funds. Financial assistance to the State of Madhya Pradesh for hailstorm relief would be provided, as per the stipulated procedure.

No memorandum seeking Central assistance in the wake of recent hailstorms has been received from any other State.