

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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LOCUST DETECTED BY DPPQS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) The vigilance being maintained by the Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine and Storage (DPPQS) to detect any locust built up during the last three years;
- (b) The action taken to control locust; and
- (c) The funds sanctioned to DPPQS and utilization thereof during the said period?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL B1IUR1A)

(a) : The Locust Warning Organisation of the Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine and Storage (DPPQS) maintains continuous vigilance on locust activity in the Scheduled Desert Area (SDA). No significant locust build up has been reported during the last three years.

(b): Any locust infestation in groups/patches observed during survey is controlled by ground control operations using micro ULVA and vehicle mounted ULVA MAST sprayers.

(c) : The funds allotted and utilized under plan and non-plan schemes for locust control are as under:

(Rupees in Lakhs)

Year	Plan	Non-Plan					
	BE	RE	Actual	BE	RE	Actual	expe-
	xpenditure	nditure					
2001-02	105.00	88.87	71.06	295.00	299.00	277.56	
2002-03	38.00	53.20	53.24	296.00	334.00	270.94	
2003-04	122.00	115.80	94.34	315.00	315.23	279.89	