

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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DANGER FROM LOCUSTS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) has warned against danger from locusts invasion; and
- (b) if so, the remedial measures taken to prevent loss to crops by swarm of locusts?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): No such warning has been received from Food and Agriculture Organisation

(FAO). However, a contingency plan is in place to deal with any locust eventuality. The contingency plan focuses on regular survey and surveillance in the Scheduled Desert Area in the Western Region of the country for timely detection and control of locusts, maintaining readiness in terms of control measures including pesticides and equipment, and exchange of information with neighbouring countries and FAO.