

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3594  
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ATTACK OF LOCUSTS  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether recently there was an attack of locusts in many villages of Gujarat causing huge loss to agricultural produce in the region;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to tackle this problem and the success achieved therein;
- (c) whether the Government has sounded a red alert regarding the attack by locusts in other parts of the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): Based on the FAO alert dated 27 June, 2007, surveillance activities were stepped up in Kutch District of Gujarat. The locust population found in Lakhpat Taluk of Kutch District during 3-4 July, 2007, were scattered and required no control operations. There are no reports of any locust swarm movement/settling and population development from any district of Gujarat. However, the surveillance teams are keeping watch on the areas which are prone to such incursion.