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**Title:** Need to compensate farmers for the losses to their crops and livestock in border areas of Rajasthan due to deployment of forces - Laid.

COL. (RETD.) SONA RAM CHOUDHARY (BARMER) : I would like to draw the attention of the Government to the plight of poor farmers/people of Barmer and Jaisalmer districts of Rajasthan bordering Pakistan. The prolonged deployment of Armed Forces and laying of land mines in their fields have totally shattered their economy and ruined their sources of livelihood.

It is pertinent to mention here that main source of livelihood of poor people of the border belt is cattle rearing and some agriculture. Due to deployment of Armed Forces and laying of land mines in their fields along the Indo-Pak border, they have no access to their fields. There is a huge dip in the live stock population in border villages due to heavy death toll.

Under such a situation, I shall request the Union Government for the following action, on priority:-

- a. An expert team be sent to Barmer and Jaisalmer areas for on the spot study of casualties of live stock and to suggest immediate relief measures.
- b. Relief camps/Shelters for crippled livestock to be set up immediately and veterinary doctors detailed to provide medical aid to injured animals.
- c. Immediate relief measures/financial package be given to the affected people.