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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 462
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 25TH JUNE, 2019

INFESTATION BY FALL ARMY WORM

462. SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM SHRANGARE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of 'fall army worm/pest' infestation on various varieties of crops in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of crop damages due to fall army worm during the last three years, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to find out technological solution and management practices to control the spread of the invasive agricultural pest?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (**SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR**)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir, the Department has taken note of Fall Army Worm (FAW) infestation in the country. The infestation has been found primarily on maize and to a small extent on Ragi and Sorghum. As reported by the States, the details of the area affected due to Fall Army Worm (FAW) in maize during the last three years is at **Annexure I**.

(c): The Department has taken following steps to control the spread of FAW:

(i). The Indian Council of Agriculture Research has prepared a detailed Package of Practices (POP) against FAW in Maize crop. The POP, inter-alia, contains mechanical, cultural, biological and chemical measures to control FAW. The POP has been circulated to all the States for its implementation. Timely advisories are being issued regularly to State Departments of Agriculture to adopt preventive measures.

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(ii). A High Power Committee (HPC) has been constituted, headed by the Secretary (DAC&FW) and Secretary (DARE) to review the status and to recommend appropriate strategies. Based on the recommendations of the HPC, various Sub-Committees have also been constituted in the State of Karnataka, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Bihar and Rajasthan States, which are headed by the Director / Commissioner of Agriculture / Principal Secretary of the respective State.

(iii). Regular surveys, surveillance and monitoring were conducted by the Central Integrated Pest Management Centres (CIPMCs) in collaboration with the State Department of Agriculture, SAUs and ICAR etc. Further, awareness programmes for the farmers were organized to advise them to adopt cultural and farm practices.

(iv). Certain Bio-control Agents have found effective against FAW. Mass production of these bio-control agents has been promoted.

Annexure-I

Details of area affected due to Fall Army Worm during the Last three years

Sl. No.	State	Details of area affected due to Fall Army Worm during Last three years (area in ha.)		
		2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (up to may, 2019)
1.	Chhattisgarh	No incidence of Fall Army Worm was reported in the country during 2016-17 and 2017-18	1539	1007.74
2.	Himachal Pradesh		-	-
3.	Andhra Pradesh		2538	-
4.	Madhya Pradesh		-	110
5.	Rajasthan		-	-
6.	Gujarat		70	14
7.	Karnataka		211300	-
8.	Uttar Pradesh		-	2
9.	Sikkim		-	376
10.	Mizoram		-	1877.29
11.	Manipur		-	4341.64
12.	Nagaland		-	4553.29
13.	Meghalaya		-	40
14.	Tripura		-	7.08
15.	Assam		-	27.65
16.	Telangana		24288.40	-
17.	West Bengal		-	485
18.	Arunachal Pradesh		-	250
19.	Kerala		-	-
20.	Tamil Nadu		315	-
21.	Odisha		60	-
22.	Uttarakhand		-	-
23.	Punjab		-	-
24.	Bihar		-	-
25.	Jharkhand		-	7.08
26.	Maharashtra		5144	-
27.	Jammu & Kashmir		-	-
28.	Haryana		-	-
29.	Goa		-	-
