

Crop loss due to thunderstorms

3047. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that untimely thunderstorms and rain lashed many parts of India in May-June of year, 2008;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the loss of crops due to this; and
- (d) the contingency plan of Government to meet the shortfall, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS):

- (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Export of cow meat

†3048. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether cow meat is being exported;
- (b) if so, the earnings made from this export;
- (c) whether this earning can not be compensated through other means; and
- (d) whether the Ministry of Finance and other Ministries have held discussions on this issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS):

- (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Package for drought affected Bundelkhand

†3049. SHRI GANGA CHARAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a special package was declared for Bundelkhand during the drought last year;
- (b) if so, the reasons for not providing the package so far;
- (c) whether Government intends to provide the package this year; and
- (d) if so, the concessions being provided for Bundelkhand in this special package and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS):

- (a) to (d) During South-West Monsoon (June-September) 2008, the districts in the Bundelkhand region generally received good rainfall and no report regarding drought in that region during 2008 was received.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.