

In addition, to check the sale of HT cotton seeds, an Inter-Ministerial Field Inspection and Scientific Evaluation Committee (FISEC) had been constituted for on-the-spot inspection of the cotton fields to assess the veracity of spread of unapproved HT cotton in the country, to confirm the presence of gene(s), strategies and measures to contain it. The FISEC has suggested strategies for immediate action, short term action and medium term action to control and curb the spread of HT cotton. As a follow up step, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare has issued advisory to all cotton growing states urging them to take all the necessary steps to check the sale and cultivation of unapproved HT cotton.

Damage to crops due to heavy rains and floods

676. DR. ANIL AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total loss incurred by the farmers whose crops have been damaged due to heavy rains/floods during the last six months in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether in certain districts, the entire crop has been destroyed, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has conducted any survey/investigation to assess the extent of the loss incurred by farmers in such States; and
- (d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR): (a) Based on information received from the State Governments, the details of the agriculture areas, reported to have been damaged due to flood/landslides/hydrometrological hazards during South-West monsoon-2019 are given in Statement (*See below*).

- (b) No such information is available.

(c) and (d) Government of India has constituted IMCTs for 15 States *viz.* Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura, Bihar, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Kerala, Punjab, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Nagaland. IMCTs have visited the affected areas of 13 States for on-the-spot assessment of damages due to floods, 2019. The Government of Gujarat has informed that it does not

intend to submit a memorandum for seeking assistance from National Disaster Response Fund. Additional financial assistance under NDRF is considered as per the laid down procedure.

Statement

Reported loss of crops by States due to flood/landslides/hydro-metrological hazards during South-West Monsoon-2019

Provisional 01.06.2019 to 14.11.2019

Sl.No.	State	Total agriculture area affected (in lakh ha.)
1.	Assam	2.14
2	Bihar	2.61
3.	Chhattisgarh	0.018
4.	Karnataka	9.35
5.	Kerala	0.31
6.	Madhya Pradesh	6.04
7.	Maharashtra	4.17
8.	Nagaland	0.02
9.	Odisha	1.49
10.	Punjab	1.51
11.	Rajasthan	27.36
12.	Tripura	0.014
13.	Uttar Pradesh	8.88
14.	Uttarakhand	0.003
15.	West Bengal	0.08
TOTAL		63.995