

ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2017

Unstarred Question No. – 271

DATE OF REPLY : 08-02-2017

Sub : Payment of compensation to farmers.

Name of MLA : Shri DEBANANDA HAZARIKA :

Will the Minister of Agriculture be pleased to state :

- a) Whether Government did any assessment regarding loss of Crops during last flood and due to "Sur Puk" menace and paid compensation to farmers ?
- b) If so, please give detail thereof with special reference to 109-Bihpuria LAC ?
- c) If nothing has been done in this regard what may be the reason ?
(Please give detail)

REPLY :

Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture, Shri Atul Bora will reply :

- a) Yes, Government had assessed loss of Crops due to last flood and swarming caterpillar infestation. In this regard detail is enclosed herewith in Annexure – 'A' & 'B'. However, owing to timely squad operation (Spraying of pesticides) adopted by the Agriculture Department no substantial Crop damage due to swarming caterpillar infestation has yet been reported. No compensation as such has been paid to farmers due to last flood & swarming caterpillar infestation. However, at the District level various steps are taken to facilitate the farmer to overcome the loss as far as possible.
- b) Total affected area in Bihpuria LAC was 3050 ha. Out of 5799 ha. in Lakhimpur district treated by supplying 300 lit. quinolphos, 500 lit. chloropyriphos and 100 nos. hand operated sprayers. The entire quantity of pesticides were supplied by the Directorate of Agriculture and 30 qtl. of Malathion, 5% dust was procured from MLA fund of 109 Bihpuria, MLA Naobaicha, Lakhimpur & Dhakuakhana. There were no crop loss as plant protection measure took up in time. However, detail of last flood pertaining to Lakhimpur district has already been annexed in Annexure – 'B'.
- c) Does not arise.