

Regarding crop damage to farmers in Saurashtra & Gujarat

SHRI PARSHOTTAMBHAI RUPALA (RAJKOT): Hon?ble Speaker Sir, I am grateful to you for giving me the opportunity to raise a very important issue concerning farmers, an opportunity that I might not have received even through the draw (lottery system).

Hon?ble Speaker Sir, the monsoon has now become completely unpredictable. The rain simply does not stop. This season has become the first of its kind where, in a single year, the farmers have been hit twice by unseasonal rains. In one single season, farmers have faced hardship twice.

During the monsoon, there was heavy flooding. Farmers somehow managed to survive it, and since the rainfall was otherwise good, they worked hard on their winter crops. However, two days ago when it rained, the wheat got drenched, the gram (chickpea) got drenched, and the winds were so strong that all the mango blossoms were blown away. A situation has arisen where even the famous Kesar mangoes may not be available.

Therefore, through you, Hon?ble Speaker, I request that the losses suffered by farmers in Saurashtra and across Gujarat due to unseasonal rains be brought to the attention of the Hon?ble Union Agriculture Minister. I urge that, in consultation with the State Government, assistance be provided to farmers who have endured this double blow within a single year.

Thank you.