

Grasshopper Attack in Rajasthan

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Figure

The grasshopper group was first seen in Rajasthan on 21 May 2019. The government made a lot of efforts to stop the group of locusts but failed and after that many other groups came to Rajasthan and destroyed crops regularly. Locust came to Jaisalmer in May end. Rajasthan has witnessed three generations of breeding instead of the regular one generation.

Farmers also say that even after spraying chemicals they are very difficult to control. Because their number is so high that even chemicals are unable to do anything. If she comes to a farmer's field, then the farmer cannot do anything except to see his crop ending in front of his eyes, although some farmers also stop the locust party from sitting in their field by playing a dole or utensil. After talking with the farmers of Rajasthan, it came to know that locusts group is 8 kilometers long and 8 kilometers wide, that if it sat in someone's field, then it would collapse the entire field in just 5 minutes.

When I had a conversation with the farmers of the locust affected area of Rajasthan, they said that they have seen such a large locust for the first time since 1950. This year good monsoon created favorable breeding conditions for desert locusts. The insects, called desert locusts, have affected a whopping 3.6 lakh hectares of crops across ten districts of Rajasthan so far. In Rajasthan, the worst affected district is Sriganganagar, where damages to standing crop go up to 75%. Parts of Barmer, Bikaner, Churu, Hanumangarh, Jaisalmer, Jalore, Jodhpur, Nagaur and Sirohi are also highly affected. In the neighboring state of Gujarat, too, several districts are suffering due to the locust plague. Now locust groups is also moving towards Punjab and Haryana.

In Rajasthan, many farmers see their crop ending in front of their eyes, die in shock, it is very sad.

Farmers have only crop production as the sole source of income and when they are completely over, they have nothing left, the government should come forward for this.

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