

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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ASSISTANCE TO FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the condition of Kharif crop in the country especially in Uttar Pradesh on account of drought;
- (b) whether the Government are aware that 80 percent kharif crop in Uttar Pradesh was destroyed due to drought;
- (c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (d) the remedial measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to compensate the loss of the farmers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): According to available information, the long dry-spell in various parts of the country during current South-west monsoon has mainly affected the area covered during Kharif under foodgrains, coarse cereals, oilseeds, pulses and cotton. In Uttar Pradesh, the areas under rice, maize, coarse cereals, oilseeds and pulses have been affected.

(c) & (d): The situation in various States including Uttar Pradesh was recently reviewed in a meeting with the Agriculture and Relief Ministers of the States. The items and norms of expenditure for assistance from the Calamity Relief Fund and National Calamity Contingency Fund provide for payment of input subsidy to small and marginal farmers where crops loss is 50% and above. The State Governments are also entitled to compensation for damaged crops under the National Agricultural Insurance Scheme.