

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5413
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DAMAGE TO CROPS DUE TO DROUGHT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether agricultural and horticultural crops have been severally affected due to prevailing drought conditions in the entire Gujarat State;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the districts affected as a result thereof; and
- (d) the remedial steps taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): In the Memorandum for Central assistance submitted by the Government of Gujarat in the wake of current drought, State Government indicated that all the major crops were affected by drought. According to State Government 79.95 lakh ha. against normal area of 81.22 lakh ha. was sown during kharif and 15.33 lakh ha. against normal area of 17.37 lakh ha. was sown in Rabi. The State Government had declared 13 districts in the State, viz. Ahmedabad, Anand, Banaskantha, Jamnagar, Junagadh, Kachchh, Kheda, Panchmahal, Patan, Porbandar, Rajkot, Sabarkantha and Surendranagar as drought affected. Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) for 2002-03 amounting to Rs. 133.46 crores was released to the State for undertaking immediate relief measures in the wake of natural calamities including drought.