

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1038
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DISTRICT LEVEL MONITORING COMMITTEE FOR DROUGHT RELIEF
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government have asked all the drought hit States to form District- Level Monitoring Committees for providing smooth relief and to launch Food for Work Programme immediately;
- (b) if so, whether the Union Government have issued a number of directions to the States to meet the drought conditions in every affected area;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the number of States that have set up the said committees so far;
- (e) whether the Government are aware that the relief is not percolating down to the drought affected victims;
- (f) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (g) the remedial measures being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) to (d): District-level Monitoring Committees are envisaged under the Schemes of Ministry of Rural Development including the Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana from the Special Component of which Food for Work Programme to provide drought reliefs financed. Union Agriculture Minister has also requested the State Chief Ministers to associate Members of Parliament and other elected representatives with these Committees. No formal feed back is so far available in the matter.
- (e) to (g): No specific complaints have so far been received in the matter.