

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:58
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ASSISTANCE TO DROUGHT AFFECTED KARNATAKA
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA;RUDRAGOUDA PATIL

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total amount provided to the drought affected Karnataka during the last three years, year-wise;
- (b) whether Karnataka is facing the third consecutive severe drought year at present;
- (c) if so, whether a delegation representing Karnataka Government has approached the Centre for assistance during the month of June; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Government of Karnataka reported drought situation in parts of the State during 2001-02 and 2002-03. During 2001-02, Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) amounting to Rs. 58.72 crores and 1 lakh MTs of free of cost under Food for Work Programme were released to the State. For the drought of 2002-03, Central share of CRF amounting to Rs. 61.66 crores, assistance from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) amounting to Rs. 207.65 crores and 6.65 lakh MTs of foodgrains free of cost under the special component of Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) have been provided to the State.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. Further quantity of 0.55 lakh MTs of foodgrains have been provided to the State for relief employment upto July, 2003, thus bringing the total allocation of foodgrains to the State for the drought of 2002-03 to 7.20 lakh MTs.