

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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AGRICULTURE OUTPUT  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether water and fodder crisis are effecting the States and the water crisis have affected the agriculture output during 1999-2000 (June-July) harvesting crops;
- (b) if so, the extent to which the production during 1999-2000 has suffered due to the water scarcity;
- (c) whether the water scarcity is likely to have a grater impact on agriculture output during 2000-2001; and
- (d) if so, the corrective steps being taken by the Union Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

- (a) & (b) Certain parts of the country were affected during 1999-2000 because of adverse agro-climatic conditions which resulted in water and fodder shortage. Despite these adverse agro-climatic conditions, country is expected to achieve a record production of 205.91 million tonnes of foodgrains. However, there is likely to be a shortage in production of oilseeds. India Meteorological Department has forecast a normal monsoon during 2000-2001 for the country as a whole.
- (c) & (d) It is too early to predict adequacy or otherwise of availability of water during the current agriculture year viz. 2000-2001. However, Government of India is continuously monitoring the position of water availability in the country. As on 19.07.2000, the area weighted rainfall for the country as a whole is 6% above normal.