

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2826
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ASSISTANCE FROM NCCF TO GUJARAT TO MEET DROUGHT SITUATION
MADHUSUDAN DEVRAM MISTRY;RATILAL KALIDAS VARMA

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Gujarat had submitted a detailed memoranda and demanded a sum of Rs.900 crores from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) to meet the drought situation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the act ;a) amount released, with date and duration, to the State for the purpose;
- (e) whether demand was met in toto; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): The Government of Gujarat submitted a memorandum seeking assistance of Rs.895.34crores from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) for drought of 2002-03. This was considered by the High Level Committee (HLC) under the Chairmanship of Deputy Prime Minister in accordance with a set procedure and no assistance from NCCF was approved by HLC for release to the State as the State Government had adequate balance in its Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) as determined by the Ministry of Home Affairs, which is the nodal Department for CRF and NCCF, to meet the drought situation.