

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:282  
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DROUGHT AFFECTED STATES  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government has formulated any policy for the States in the grip of famine/drought, particularly Jharkhand;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any proposal for special package is received from the Government of Jharkhand; and
- (d) if so, the action taken by the Union Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): The State Governments including Jharkhand have ready availability of funds in their Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) for taking necessary measures in the wake of natural calamities including drought, in accordance with the items and norms of expenditure. In case the funds available in the CRF are not sufficient, the affected States are required to submit Memorandum for assistance from the National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF).

(c)&(d): During 2007-08, the Government of Jharkhand have so far not reported any drought situation or submitted any Memorandum for drought relief.