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CONTINGENCY CROP PLANS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any Contingency Crop Plans in case of deficient monsoon;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has included special plans for alternate crops and availability of seeds in case of drought condition in various parts of the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) to (e): Yes, Madam. The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation prepared Contingency Crop Plan suitable for different Agro-climatic regions of the country. This plan was circulated to all the states for initiating timely intervention to deal with different scenarios of the monsoon i.e. deficient rainfall, normal rainfall and excess rainfall conditions. In the contingency plan, specific alternate cropping patterns such as pearl millet +cow pea for fodder: moth bean, cluster bean for rainfed regions of Rajasthan, Haryana was suggested. Similarly, for irrigated areas of Punjab, Haryana, Western Uttar Pradesh - short duration early maturing rice, Maize for rice area that could not be transplanted till 31st July; Maize, castor, gram for areas where rain was delayed beyond 1st week of August; and fodder crops for areas where rainfall was delayed beyond August 20th were suggested. A list of drought tolerant and early maturing varieties of different Kharif Crops was also included in the contingency plan along with availability of certified seeds of Kharif crops in public seed corporations.