

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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GUIDELINES FOR DROUGHT MANAGEMENT

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any guidelines on drought management;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has consulted/obtained comments of various Departments/ States before the finalization of such guidelines;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereon;
- (e) whether the Government has evolved any strategic plan to provide special relief measures in the chronically drought affected areas over and above the existing norms; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**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 (d): In consultation with the concerned Central Ministries/ Departments/Agencies, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation brought out a Crisis Management Plan (CMP) for drought, an actionable programme, which is pressed into action in the event of a crisis situation to minimize the damage to life, property and environment. CMP is part of overall spectrum of Drought Management Plan and it defines the roles and responsibilities of various agencies involved in crisis management.

In September, 2010, the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) brought out the guidelines on management of drought.

(e) & (f): Ready availability of funds exist with the States under State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) for taking necessary measures in the wake of natural calamities including drought. National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) provides for additional assistance for natural calamities of severe nature in accordance with an established procedure, on submission of a Memorandum by the affected State. There are items and norms of expenditure for assistance from relief funds.