

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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ASSISTANCE FOR DROUGHT

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the financial assistance sanctioned/allocated to various States for drought relief during each of the last three years and current year, State-wise;
- (b) whether many States including Bihar have not yet received/received less assistance vis-a-vis their demand;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (d) the details of the drought affected States, their demands for assistance and amount sanctioned and released to these States during the said period, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI ARUN YADAV)

(a) to (d): The details of the financial assistance sanctioned/allocated to various States for drought relief during each of the last three years is furnished vide Annexure – I. During the year 2010-11 four States, namely, Bihar, Jharkhand, Orissa & West Bengal declared 38, 24, 17 & 11 districts, respectively, as drought affected due to deficit rainfall during South-West Monsoon, 2010. All the four States mentioned above submitted Memoranda for grant of assistance from National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) for drought relief. The details of the financial assistance sanctioned/allocated to various States for drought relief during the current year is furnished vide Annexure-II. Following consideration of the Memoranda for assistance in respect of Bihar (for 28 districts only), Rs,1459.54 crores has been approved by the Government subject to adjustment of 75% of balance available in the SDRF account. As of now proposals for the remaining 10 districts of Bihar and Orissa for granting assistance from NDRF are under consideration.