GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AGRICULTURE LOK SABHA

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DROUGHT LIKE SITUATION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has deputed a team of officers to assess the damage suffered by the various States due to drought like situation;
- (b) if so, whether the said team has submitted its report to the Union Government;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the assistance proposed to be given to the farmers, State-wise?

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 view of deficit rainfall during South-West Monsoon, 2009, the Governments of Assam, Jharkhand, Manipur, Uttar Pradesh and Nagaland have so far declared drought/ drought like conditions. Inter-Ministerial Central Teams are deputedfor assessment of the situation on receipt of Memorandum from the drought affectedStates seeking assistance from the National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF). NoMemorandum has so far been received from any State for the current monsoon season. However, the State Governments have ready availability of funds under the Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) for taking necessary measures in the wake of natural calamities including drought.