

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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IMPACT OF NATURAL CALAMITIES ON AGRICULTURE

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has assessed the impact of natural calamities on agricultural production in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of losses suffered in this regard during each of the last three years and the current year, crop-wise and Statewise; and
- (c) the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) to (c): Vagaries of nature including natural calamities do impact agricultural production and is reflected by fluctuations in agricultural production over the years. As per available information, State-wise details of production of major crops (rice, wheat, coarse cereals, pulses, oilseeds, sugarcane, cotton) including increase and decrease (-) during 2007-08 to 2010-11 is detailed in the statement annexed.

The State Governments have ready availability of funds under State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) for providing relief assistance in the event of natural calamities. Additional assistance is considered from National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF), in accordance with the established procedure of submission of Memorandum by the affected State (s). There are laid down items and norms for providing relief assistance from these funds.