

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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DROUGHT AFFECTED STATES

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of districts in the country which have been declared drought hit during the last three years including Karnataka, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan;
- (b) the details of losses suffered by the farmers;
- (c) whether any Central team visited the natural calamity hit States during the said period;
- (d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and
- (e) the amount of compensation sanctioned and released to the affected States during the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a): During the last three years, 486 districts in the country including Karnataka, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan were declared drought hit. Year-wise details of districts declared as drought affected are as under:

Year Year Districts declared as
drought affected

2008-09 44
2009-10 352
2010-11 90

Total 486

(b): During the last three years, Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Nagaland, Odisha, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal submitted Memoranda seeking financial assistance from National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) for the damages suffered due to drought.

(c) to (e): No compensation is paid from NDRF. The Central Teams visited all the drought affected States and submitted reports, based on which assistance from NDRF was provided to the State Governments as detailed in the Annexure. No assistance has been approved on account of drought during the current financial year.