

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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NATIONAL RAINFED AREAS AUTHORITY
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any monitoring agency has been set up by the Government to monitor the funds allocated by the National Rainfed Areas Authority for the Bundelkhand region;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the States of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh have put to use the funds allocated in the first instalment;
- (e) if so, whether the Authority has dispersed the second installment of funds; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES

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(a) & (b) : The Government of India have approved a Special package to implement drought mitigation strategies in Bundelkhand region at a cost of Rs.7466 crore to be funded by an Additional Central Assistance of Rs. 3650 crore; and by implementing the on-going central sector and centrally sponsored schemes for the balance cost. A Monitoring Committee under the Chairmanship of Member (In-charge of Uttar Pradesh) and Co-chairmanship of Member (In-charge of Madhya Pradesh), Planning Commission has been constituted for monitoring the package. The Secretaries of the concerned line departments, Chief Executive Officer, National Rainfed Areas Authority and Chief Secretaries of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh are also the Members of the Committee. The Monitoring Committee has so far met four times to review progress of the package.

Further, an Advisory Committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission with all Members of Parliament (Lok Sabha) from Bundelkhand as its Members for giving suggestions and guidance for implementation of the package. Three meetings of the Advisory Committee have been held so far wherein the overall progress of the package has been reviewed.

For monitoring of the activities at field level, Chief Executive Officer and other senior officers of National Rainfed Area Authority are visiting the regions and reviewing the activities at the ground level periodically.

(c): Does not arise.

(d) to (f) : During 2009-10 an amount of Rs.361.52 crore was released to the Government of Madhya Pradesh from Additional Central Assistance (ACA) component between 19.03.2010 and 31.03.2010. During 2010-11 an ACA of Rs.638.93 crore was released at various times between 30.08.2010 and 29.03.2011. During 2011-12 a further amount of Rs.425.18 crore has been released from 27.06.2011 to 31.03.2011 to the Government of Madhya Pradesh. Against this total released amount of Rs. 1425.63 crore, a utilisation of Rs. 548 crore (i.e. 38% of the total released amount) has been reported by the State Government to the National Rainfed Area Authority which is the monitoring agency for the Special package to implement drought mitigation strategies in Bundelkhand region.

In the case of Uttar Pradesh during 2009-10, the first year of implementation of the package, an amount of Rs.332.28 crore was released as Additional Central Assistance (ACA) between 19.03.2010 and 31.03.2010. During 2010-11 an amount of Rs.468.69 crore was released from 13.01.2010 to 29.03.2011 to the Government of Uttar Pradesh. During 2011-12 a further amount of Rs.204.54 crore has been released at various times from 27.06.2011 to 31.03.2011 to the Government of Uttar Pradesh. Against this total released amount of Rs.1005.51 crore, a utilisation of Rs. 363.61 crore (i.e. 36% of the total released amount) has been reported by the State Government to the National Rainfed Area Authority.