

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:446

ANSWERED ON:08.05.2012

ASSISTANCE FOR DROUGHT

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether several States/UTs are facing drought conditions during the current year;
- (b) if so, the details of such districts;
- (c) whether these States have submitted any memorandum to the Union Government for drought relief;
- (d) if so, the Central assistance provided to these States so far; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to help the farmers in these States to tide over the current crisis?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 446 DUE FOR REPLY ON 8TH MAY, 2012.

(a) to (e): During 2012-2013, Government of Maharashtra has declared drought in 15 districts seeking central financial assistance. These districts are Nashik, Dhule, Nandurbar, Ahmednagar, Latur, Osmanabad, Pune, Satara, Sangli, Solapur, Nagpur, Gondia, Gadchiroli, Amaravati and Buldhana. After receipt of Memorandum from the Government of Maharashtra, an Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMCT) was deputed to visit the drought affected areas to assess loss/damage caused due to drought and recommend Central financial assistance. IMCT visited Maharashtra during April 16-17, 2012 and has submitted its Report, which would be placed before the High Level Committee for its consideration.

During 2011-12, two States namely Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh were affected by drought. Districts declared as drought affected by the State Governments are as under:-

Karnataka (23 districts):

Ramnagar, Kolar, Chikkaballapura, Tumkur, Chitradurga, Chamarajanagar, Mysore, Mandya, Bellary, Koppal, Raichure, Gulbarga, Yadgiri, Bidar, Bagalkote, Bijapur, Gadag, Dharwad, Hasan, Chikkamagalur, Belguam, Davangere and Haveri.

Andhra Pradesh (22 districts):

Mahabubnagar, Ananthapur, Nalgonda, Karimnagar, Prakasam, Kurnool, Adilabad, Warangal, YSR Kadapa, Chittoor, Medak, Khammam, Guntur, Rangareddy, Krishna, Visakhapatnam, Srikakulam, West Godavari, East Godavari, Vizianagaram, Nizamabad and SPSR Nellore.

Government of India approved an assistance of Rs.186.68 crores to Karnataka and Rs.706.15 crores to Andhra Pradesh from National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF). Sanction of Rs. 8.00 crore from Special Component of National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) has also been made to Andhra Pradesh for repair of damaged drinking water supply works.