

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6221
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ALLOCATION FOR DROUGHT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to increase the spendings on measures undertaken to tackle drought during the XIIth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Government of India has created State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) and National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) to tackle natural disasters including drought. There is a ready availability of funds with states under SDRF for undertaking immediate relief measures in the wake of natural disasters including drought. Government of India supplements efforts of State Governments with financial assistance and logistic support. Additional financial assistance, over and above SDRF, is considered from NDRF for natural calamities of severe nature and is approved on basis of memorandum of State Government in accordance with established procedure and extant norms. Allocation for SDRF/NDRF has been made on the basis of recommendations of the 13th Finance Commission. Norms of assistance for SDRF/NDRF have been revised and notified by Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India for a period of 5 years i.e. from 2010-2015.