

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:331

ANSWERED ON:04.09.2012

IMPACT OF DEFICIENT MONSOON

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has assessed the impact of improved monsoon in July- August 2012 on foodgrains production;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has constituted an Empowered Group of Ministers (EGoM) to assess and expeditiously mitigate the impact of deficient rainfall/drought like situation in many parts of the country on farmers;
- (d) if so, whether the said EGoM has convened any meetings and suggested remedial measures/action to tackle the situation; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

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. 331 DUE FOR REPLY ON 4TH SEPTEMBER, 2012.

(a) & (b): Rainfall deficiency in the country by the end of June, 2012 was 29% of Long Period Average (LPA). However, it progressively reduced to 20% by the end of July, 2012 and was 12% of LPA as on 29th August, 2012. Improved monsoon conditions in July and August, 2012 have helped in increasing kharif area coverage to 95.43 million hectare, as on 31st August, 2012, against normal sown area of 96.09 million hectare. Details of area coverage so far under different crops is at Annexure-I.

(c) to (e): Government has constituted an Empowered Group of Ministers (EGoM) to review the situation and take quick and timely decisions for effective management of drought. EGoM in its meeting held on 31st July, 2012 has taken several decisions to expeditiously mitigate the impact of deficient rainfall/drought like situation in many parts of the country. A summary of decisions taken by the EGoM is at Annexure-II.