

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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DROUGHT RELIEF

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether several States are reeling under severe drought condition due to scanty rainfall resulting in major crop losses;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, along with the damage caused to kharif crops due to drought State-wise;
- (c) whether any Central team has visited the affected States;
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof; and
- (e) the details of the financial assistance demanded by these States and the assistance provided to them by the Union Government so far, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

(a) to (e) During Kharif-2012, Governments of Karnataka (142 talukas), Rajasthan (5 districts) Gujarat (132 talukas), Maharashtra (125 talukas) and Kerala (4 districts) have notified drought. Crop area coverage during Kharif-2012 vis- À -vis normal/expected sown areas in above States is at Annexure-A.

Government of Karnataka, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Gujarat and Kerala have sought central assistance of Rs. 7672.40 crore, Rs.7424.13 crore, Rs.3232.15 crore, Rs.7357.54 crore and Rs.1996.07 crore respectively for drought relief. Inter-Ministerial Central Teams (IMCTs) have visited these States and assessed loss/damage to kharif crops.

Government of India has so far approved Rs.778.09 crore to Maharashtra and Rs.526.06 crore to Karnataka from National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) on account of Drought-2012 subject to the adjustment of 75% of balance available in the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF).

Besides, Government of India has also approved Rs.14.20 crore from Calamity Component of National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) for repair of damaged drinking water supply works for Karnataka.

Based on the recommendation of IMCT, the Inter Ministerial Group (IMG) has also recommended central assistance of Rs.62.61 crores to Kerala and Rs.864.71 crores to Gujarat from NDRF.