

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6462
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TANK WATER
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that agricultural activities have been hampered and rearing of cattle has become tough without availability of tank water;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to allocate funds for the purpose along with the amount spent so far during each of the last three years?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): As per available estimates, about 55% of net sown area of the country is rainfed where agricultural activities primarily depend on seasonal rainfall. In the event of significant rainfall deficiencies in these areas, agricultural operation and rearing of cattle gets affected due to less availability of water and fodder. Ministry of Agriculture closely monitors monsoon performance and crop sowing situation in the country in consultation with State Governments. Comprehensive contingency plans have been prepared for 410 districts based on which States can initiate location specific measures in case of rainfall deficit/drought situation.

State Governments initiate appropriate relief measures including operation of cattle camps in the wake of drought or rainfall deficit situation from State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF), which is readily available with them. Additional financial assistance, over and above SDRF, is considered from National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) in accordance with established procedure and extant norms. Statewise details of assistance approved from NDRF for drought mitigation during last three years (2010-11 to 2012-13) are at Annexure-I.

Government of India is implementing Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) for developing, conserving and harnessing natural resources viz. soil, water etc. as long term drought mitigation measures. Statewise details of funds released under IWMP in last three years (2010-11 to 2012-13) are at Annexure-II.

Annexure-I

Fund approved from National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) for Drought Mitigation

(Rs. in crore)

State Assistance approved
from NDRF
Drought of 2010-11

Bihar 1459.54
Jharkhand 855.3
Odisha 376.55
West Bengal 724.99
TOTAL 3416.38
Drought of 2011-12

Andhra Pradesh 706.15
Karnataka (Kharif) 186.68
Karnataka (Rabi) 282.35
Maharashtra 574.71
TOTAL 1749.89
Drought of 2012-13

Maharashtra (Kharif) 778.09
 Maharashtra (Rabi) 807.84@
 Karnataka 526.06
 Gujarat 864.71@
 Kerala 62.61@
 TOTAL 3039.31

@provisional

Subject to adjustment of 75% of available balances in the State
 Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) on concerned State Government.
 (Till 01.05.2013)

Annexure-II

Fund Released under Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP)

(Rs. in crore)

S. No.	State	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
1	Andhra	119.8	160.94	125.137
	Pradesh			
2	Bihar	3	12.18	
3	Chhattisgarh	50.38	62.37	0
4	Goa	0	0	0
5	Gujarat	161.73	160.71	329.237
6	Haryana	11.63	5.226	
7	Himachal Pradesh	57.77	48.93	8.0230
8	Jammu & Kashmir	0	38.268	
9	Jharkhand	24.1	15.7	48.1731
10	Karnataka	70.96	127.41	334.55
11	Kerala	11.01	10.81	4.81
12	Madhya Pradesh	113.25	108.6	128.30
13	Maharashtra	208.14	378.69	501.60
14	Odisha	73.47	77.53	89.700
15	Punjab	3.45	8.44	14.888
16	Rajasthan	257.47	318.33	424.53
17	Tamil Nadu	60.16	17.57	227.768
18	Uttar Pradesh	132.13	164.46	128.43
19	Uttarakhand	15.97	2.34	4.21783
20	West Bengal	16.06	40.313	

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21	Arunachal Pradesh	20.08	22.09	15.970
22	Assam	40.82	37.53	42.97
23	Manipur	10.37	15.33	33.75
24	Meghalaya	9.88	12.87	37.43
25	Mizoram	17.14	5.84	16.439
26	Nagaland	26.71	59.42	76.418
27	Sikkim	3.88	1.15	8.178
28	Tripura	8.16	18.17	24.017
	Grand Total	1496.83	1865.92	2720.52