

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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FLOOD PRONE AGRICULTURAL AREAS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has identified the agricultural areas which are flood prone in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government has made any assessment of the growth rate of such agricultural areas and if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide adequate assistance/relief to the farmers of such agricultural areas?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The XII Plan Working Group on Flood Management and Region Specific Issues has reported 49.815 million hectare as maximum flood affected area in the country. State-wise details are given in Annexure-I.

(d) & (e): Agricultural Growth rate is assessed for State as a whole and not separately for flood prone areas. Agriculture being a State subject, the measures for agriculture growth are planned, funded and executed by the State Governments, as per their priorities. Government of India supplements the effort of State Governments through various Schemes like Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), National Food Security Mission (NFSM), National Horticulture Mission (NHM) etc.

In addition, Government of India supplements efforts of State Government by providing financial assistance in the form of input subsidy to farmers who suffer crop loss of 50% or more due to flood from National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) as per extant norms and procedures.