

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SOWING OF CROPS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether sowing of different crops had been affected by erratic and deficient rainfall in various agro climatic zones of the country during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and crop-wise;
- (c) the agronomical/agro-climatic zones which have received excessive or deficient rainfall during the current monsoon, State-wise and zone-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has made any assessment in regard to erratic/ deficient rainfall pattern and its effect on agriculture and issued advisories to the State Governments in this regard;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to educate farmers to grow crops in adverse weather conditions along with the financial and technical assistance provided to the farmers in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a): Yes, Madam. Sowing of crops has been affected by erratic/scanty rainfall in some parts of country in the last three years including current crop season. Sowing of crops was affected in Jharkhand, Bihar, Eastern Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Gujarat in 2010, Odisha, Bihar, Gujarat and Haryana in 2011 and Karnataka, Maharashtra, Gujarat and Rajasthan in 2012. In current season crop sowing has been affected in Bihar, Jharkhand and North- Eastern States.
- (b): The State-wise area under major kharif crops during 2010-11 to 2013-14 is given at Annexure -I.
- (c): State-wise and meteorological sub-division wise rainfall distribution in current monsoon is given at Annexure -II (a) & II (b).
- (d) & (e): Government of India regularly monitors rainfall and crop sowing situation for the country. Suitable agromet advisories are being issued to the concerned State Governments. Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture (CRIDA) has also prepared district-wise Contingency Crop Plans for various aberrant weather conditions. Officials from Government of India make field visits in affected areas to make spot assessment and advise State Government for suitable action.
- (f): Government of India advises State Governments to educate farmers through extension agencies about Contingency Crop Plans. The necessary financial and technical assistance is being provided through ongoing crop development programmes.