

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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DROUGHT MANAGEMENT  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of the schemes formulated by the Government for drought management;
- (b) whether these schemes have been implemented successfully in the country; and
- (c) if so, the extent to which these schemes are likely to be beneficial for the farmers?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): There are no specific schemes for Drought Management. State Governments are empowered to initiate necessary relief measures in the wake of natural calamities, including drought, from State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF), which is readily available with them. Government of India supplements the efforts of the State Governments by providing requisite financial and logistic support, over and above SDRF, from National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) for natural calamities of severe nature as per established procedure and extant norms.

Besides, Ministry of Rural Development was implementing Desert Development Programme, Drought Prone Area Programme and Integrated Watershed Development Programme, which have been integrated into a single scheme namely, Integrated Watershed Management Programme w.e.f. 26.02.2009 for promoting insitu moisture conservation & water harvesting measures for improving production and productivity in rainfed and degraded areas. Watershed interventions contribute significantly towards drought mitigation in rainfed areas.