

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

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REQUEST FOR KARNATAKA
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government has received any request from Karnataka State for the allocation of additional amount to mitigate the crisis due to floods and excess rains during the year 2014;
- (b) if so, the details and response of the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether Government has reduced the quantity of supply of kerosene, sugar and rice to Karnataka from the Central pool allocation during the last three years;and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENCE
(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Home Affairs has received a Memorandum from the State Government of Karnataka seeking assistance from National Disaster Response Force in the wake of floods in the State in 2014. The High level Committee on 14.01.2015 approved an assistance of Rs. 71.37 cr. for floods of 2014 subject to adjustment of 75% of balance available in the State Disaster Response Fund account of the State for the instant disaster.As regards 'disaster mitigation', which has a specific meaning as per Section 2 (i) read with 2 (d) of the Disaster Management Act, no specific proposal for allocation of additional amount has been received from the Government of Karnataka.

(c)& (d):The allocation of rice and kerosene for the State of Karnataka during the last three years is given in the table below:

Year	Rice allocation (thousand tons)	Kerosene allocation (kiloliters)
2011-12	2066.62	539544
2012-13	2424.28	522888
2013-14	2131.95	522888

As regards sugar, Government of India does not maintain any Central Pool for Sugar. However, the State Governments have been asked to procure sugar from open market for supplies under Public Distribution System (PDS). Central Government reimburses subsidy @ Rs. 18.50 per Kg. of sugar distributed as per existing allocation of 108982 MT per year (including Annual festival quota of 5350 MT). There has been no reduction in allocation of sugar quota for the State in last three years.