

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1595

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Losses due to Drought

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum and extent of damages caused to agriculture and animal husbandry sectors and loss of human lives due to drought during the current year, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has identified chronic drought affected districts of various States of the country, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the details of funds allocated and released by the Union Government to various drought affected States of the country along with the details of relief and compensation provided to the victims during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has received many proposals from various States including Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Maharashtra and Rajasthan for more drought assistance and if so, the action taken by the Government thereon; and
- (e) whether the Government has prepared contingency and long term plans to tackle the drought situation in the entire country and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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- (a): No report has been received from any State regarding quantum and extent of damages caused to agriculture and animal husbandry sectors and loss of human lives, due to drought in Financial Year 2016-17.
- (b): State-wise details of Administrative Districts Chronically affected by Drought Conditions, as per Manual for Drought Management 2009, are indicated at Annexure-I.
- (c) & (d): Memoranda received from States and details of funds approved from National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) in the wake of drought, during the years 2013-14, 2014-15 & 2015-16, are indicated in the statement at Annexure-II. No Memorandum has been received from any State seeking financial assistance from NDRF in the wake of drought in Financial Year 2016-17.
- (e): Central Research Institute of Dryland Agriculture (CRIDA), in collaboration with State Agricultural Universities, has prepared contingency plans for 614 districts for implementing location specific interventions to sustain agriculture production in the eventuality of any extreme climatic events.