

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PACKAGE TO DROUGHT AFFECTED FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has constituted any Central committee to suggest long term and short term measures for drought affected farmers in the Bundelkhand region of Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to provide any special package to the drought affected farmers of Bundelkhand region of Uttar Pradesh; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the details of the funds allocated by the Government during each the last three years and the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIA)

(a) & (b): Government of India constituted an Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMCT) during December 2007 under the Chairmanship of Chief Executive Officer (CEO), National Rainfed Area Authority (NRAA) for suggesting integrated drought mitigation strategies in Bundelkhand region of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh States.

(c) & (d): Government of India has approved a special package during the XI Five Year Plan to implement drought mitigation strategies in Bundelkhand region of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh. This special package is being continued during XII Five Year Plan as well. Allocation of fund to this package during XI and XII Five Year Plan has been Rs. 3648.96 crore and Rs.4400 crore respectively. Fund allocation during last three years and current year is as under:

2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Allocation (Rs. in Crore)			
508.50	1400.00	1801.61	1000.00 (tentative)