

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2696

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DROUGHT RELIEF

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that many parts of Maharashtra have received less than normal rains leading to drought like situation affecting farmers adversely;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether over 19,000 of the 40,000 villages in the State have recorded low crop yield;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the State Government of Maharashtra has approached the Union Government with a Memorandum of drought relief requesting to exempt conducting Panchnama in the affected village so that the relief could be given quickly; and
- (f) if so, the response of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Yes, Madam. During Kharif 2014, Government of Maharashtra has reported that 19059 villages covering 22 districts in the State are drought affected due to shortfall in monsoon rainfall.

Details of districts are annexed.

(e) & (f): State Government of Maharashtra has also submitted a drought relief memorandum seeking central assistance of Rs. 3924.84 crore. On receipt of the memorandum, Government has already constituted an Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMCT) to visit the State, conduct on spot assessment and recommend central assistance from National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF).