

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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KNOWLEDGE BASED INFORMATION TO FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the State Government of Jharkhand has submitted any proposal to the Union Government to provide knowledge based information through information and communication technology for the benefit of the farmers of the State;
- (b) if so, whether the information regarding natural calamities would be made available at the district level through the aforesaid information system; and
- (c) if so, the time by which the aforesaid proposal is likely to be approved by the Government?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Government has not received any specific proposal on the subject from the State of Jharkhand. However, the Government is implementing a centrally sponsored scheme – National e-Governance Plan in Agriculture (NeGP-A) under the Mission Mode Project with a view to promote focused and integrated implementation of e-Governance activities in agriculture in all States. Jharkhand was included in phase-I of the project and its Data Centre and field hardware in most locations down to the Block level has been installed and commissioned in Jharkhand. One of the identified service under NeGP-A pertains to "Providing information on Forecasted Weather" and aims at providing disaggregated District level information in each agro-ecological sub-region on forecasted weather and agro-met advisories through multiple service delivery channels to the farmers (including SMS).

(c): Not applicable in view of reply furnished above.