

Drought in Karnataka

2650. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of districts in Karnataka that have been declared drought hit this year, with details thereof; and

(b) the relief measures proposed to be taken by Government for the farmers of these districts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) 99 taluks of 23 districts in Karnataka have been declared affected by drought by the Government of Karnataka this year. Districts declared drought affected are:— Ramanagar, Kolar, Chikkaballapura, Tumkur, Chitradurga, Chamarajanagar, Mysore, Mandya, Bellary, Koppal, Raichure, Gulburga, Yadgiri, Bidar, Bagalkote, Bijapur, Gadag, Dharwad, Hasan, Chikkamagalur, Belguam, Davangere and Haveri.

(b) The State Government is primarily responsible for taking immediate necessary measures in the wake of identified natural calamities. For this purpose State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) has been constituted for each State, with contributions from Central and State Governments in the ratio of 3:1 for normal category States, which includes Karnataka. Government of India supplements efforts of the affected State by providing financial and logistic support. An Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMCT) has been constituted to visit the drought affected areas of the State to assess the loss and recommend the financial assistance for relief measures.

Annual growth rate of agro-products

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SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that annual growth rate of production in agriculture sector in the country has been estimated to 3.5 per cent during the Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether Government has assessed the annual growth rate of production of each agro-product which is produced in the country; and

(d) if so, the details of annual growth rate of each agro-product?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) and (b) During the first four years of Eleventh Five Year Plan Period, *i.e.*, 2007-08 to 2010-2011, average annual growth rate of foodgrains production has been 2.90%.

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(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Details of annual average growth rate of production of major agro-products produced in the country are given below:—

Crop	Average Annual Growth Rate (%)
Rice	0.74
Wheat	3.21
Jowar	-1.16
Bajra	8.92
Maize	10.41
Coarse Cereals	7.01
Tur	8.23
Gram	7.47
Urad	7.03
Moong	33.56
Pulses	6.67
Foodgrains	2.90
Groundnut	20.36
Castorseed	17.02
Sesamum	11.96
Rapseed and Mustard	2.41
Sunflower	-13.69
Soyabean	10.46
Oilseeds	7.61
Cotton	11.85
Jute	-0.28
Mesta	-10.58
Sugarcane	-0.40

MSP of agro products

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