

- (ii) Advise the States and UTs for formulation of policies and programmes for fisheries development;
  - (iii) To institute award, fellowships, scholarship and to organize training for all stakeholders in the fisheries sector;
  - (iv) Co-ordinate with private sector, banks, financial institutions etc. for promoting partnerships for development of the sector;
  - (v) Explore identify and promote national and international benchmarks and best practices for the development of fisheries sector;
  - (vi) Adoption of new and innovative production technologies, sustainable management and utilization of less utilized water resources and proper marketing of products of capture and culture fisheries;
  - (vii) To facilitate technology backstopping and other technical and financial assistance in implementing programmes and projects by States/UTs;
  - (viii) To sponsor/ undertake studies to assess the impact of the programme and plans of food and nutritional security; and
  - (ix) To develop a framework for monitoring, evaluating and assessing impact of projects and programmes undertaken by State and Central Government.
- (c) No Sir. The responsibilities of the Board are already defined.
- (d) to (f) Do not arise.

**Effect of delayed monsoon on sowing of soyabean**

†2455. SHRI PRABHAT JHA:

SHRI VIJAY GOYAL :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that sowing of soyabean is getting affected due to delay in Monsoon in several parts of the country including Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any immediate steps have been taken by Central Government to help soyabean growers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE  
(DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, sowing of soyabean has been

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

delayed due to late onset of monsoon in the country but with rainfall received during July-2014, sowing of soyabean has picked up and is still going on including in Madhya Pradesh. As on 23rd July, 2014, an area of 77.77 lakh ha. has been sown under soyabean including 55.00 lakh ha. in Madhya Pradesh.

(c) and (d) National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm (NMOOP) launched from 2014-15 envisages provisions of flexi-fund (ten percentage of the budget) to undertake mitigation/restoration activities in case of natural calamities like drought situation. An amount of ₹ 26.27 crores has been released during current year to Madhya Pradesh under NMOOP.

The States were advised to divert some area from soyabean to other crops based on the availability of seeds and climatic conditions and also to adopt other practices like Seed dibbler, farm saved soyabean seeds under the prevailing situation.

#### **Demand for drought relief assistance from States**

2456. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the State Governments have sought drought relief assistance from the Central Government;

(b) if so, the names of the States and the quantum of relief asked by these States; and

(c) whether Central Government has decided to provide the relief?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN): (a) to (c) State Governments are empowered to initiate appropriate relief measures in the wake drought from funds readily available under State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF). Additional financial assistance, over and above SDRF, is provided from National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) as per established procedure and extant norms, upon receipt of detailed drought relief memorandum from the State Government.

During current year (2014-15), government of India has not yet received any drought relief memorandum from any State, so far.

#### **Yellow rust attack on wheat crop**

2457. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of the large scale yellow rust attack on wheat crop at several places in the country, especially in Haryana;