

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;