

Haryana, Maharashtra, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Jammu and Kashmir, West Bengal, Telangana and Kerala were hit by hailstorm and unseasonal rains. As per inputs received from States, State-wise crop area affected due to hailstorm and unseasonal rains in country on the basis of preliminary assessment is given in the statement [Refer to the statement appended to the answer to USQ No. 112 (Part a and b)].

(c) and (d) State Governments have been requested to take immediate steps to address the notified calamities by utilizing the funds under SDRF. States have been also advised to submit memorandum as per extant procedure/norms, if additional financial assistance is required from National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) and in the mean time utilize contingency fund of the State, if SDRF is exhausted. In addition, the calamity affected farmers are entitled for claims under various crop insurance schemes.

#### **Crop diversification plan for Green Revolution States**

120. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated a crop diversification plan for the original Green Revolution States;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds earmarked for the purpose; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to help Green Revolution States in breaking away from wheat-rice cropping pattern and facilitate smooth crop diversification keeping in view the stagnatory yields and over exploration of water resources?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJIBHAI KUNDARIYA): (a) and (b) Government of India is implementing Crop Diversification Programme (CDP), a sub-scheme of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojna, in the original Green Revolution States of Punjab, Haryana and Western Uttar Pradesh since 2013-14 to diversify area under paddy to alternate crops like pulses, oilseeds, maize and agro-forestry plantation to restore soil fertility and arrest the depletion of ground water. The allocation and release of funds under CDP from 2013-14 is as given below :—

(₹ in crore)

| Sl. No. | Year    | Allocation             | Release |
|---------|---------|------------------------|---------|
| 1.      | 2013-14 | 500.00                 | 224.25  |
| 2.      | 2014-15 | 250.00                 | 250.60  |
| 3.      | 2015-16 | 125.00 (Central Share) | -       |

(c) Under CDP, assistance is provided for conducting cluster demonstrations to diversify cropping pattern from water guzzling paddy to alternate crops like pulses, oilseeds, maize and agro-forestry, distribution of farm machinery, setting up of value addition facilities, laying of underground pipeline system (UGPL) and awareness through training of farmers, etc.

Government has also launched a National Mission on Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) which focuses on enhancing water use efficiency by promoting efficient on-farm water management technologies and equipment like drip and sprinkle, creation of farm ponds, efficient delivery and distribution systems, etc.

### **Propagation of prom**

121. SHRIMATI GUNDU SUDHARANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Phosphate Rich Organic Manure (PROM) has been included in the Fertilizer Control Order in 2012;

(b) if so, the details of public and private companies producing PROM in the country, State-wise; and

(c) the efforts Government is making to propagate PROM in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJIBHAI KUNDARIYA): (a) and (b) PROM was included in FCO (1985) in 2012 under Schedule IV, under the heading "Specifications of Organic Fertilizers".

The State Governments issue authorization to public/private companies for production and sale of organic fertilizers including PROM in their jurisdiction. The State-wise details of companies engaged in the production of PROM, as per the Fertiliser Association of India are given in the Statement (*See below*).

(c) Government is promoting the use of Organic fertilizers in conjunction with Chemical fertilizers under the National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA).

### ***Statement***

#### *State-wise details of companies engaged in the production of PROM*

| Sl.No. | State   | Companies Engaged                                  |
|--------|---------|----------------------------------------------------|
| 1.     | Delhi   | IL&FS Environmental Infrastructure & Services Ltd. |
| 2.     | Gujarat | Narmada Bio-Chem Pvt. Ltd.                         |