

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJIBHAI KUNDARIYA): (a) and (b) The Scheme "Soil Health Card" has been launched for implementation during the Twelfth Plan with an outlay of ₹ 568.54 crore. Under the scheme, Soil Health Cards will be provided to all farmers in the country at an interval of 3 years so as to enable the farmers to apply appropriate recommended dosages of nutrients for crop production and improving soil health and its fertility. Objectives of Scheme Soil Health Card are as follows:

- (i) To issue Soil Health Cards every 3 years, to all farmers of the country, so as to provide a basis to address nutrient deficiencies in fertilization practices.
- (ii) To strengthen functioning of Soil Testing Laboratories (STLs) through capacity building, involvement of agriculture students and effective linkage with Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)/State Agricultural Universities (SAUs).
- (iii) To diagnose soil fertility related constraints with standardized procedures for sampling uniformly across States and analysis and design taluqa/block level fertilizer recommendations in targeted districts.
- (iv) To develop and promote soil test based nutrient management in the districts for enhancing nutrient use efficiency.
- (v) To build capacities of district and State level staff and of progressive farmers for promotion of nutrient management practices.

Action plan to face drought situation

†493. MIR MOHAMMAD FAYAZ:

SHRI NAZIR AHMED LAWAY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has/had formulated any action plan to face the drought situation, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the details of amount provided as assistance to face the drought situation in the last five years, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJIBHAI KUNDARIYA): (a) and (b) Central Research Institute of Dryland Agriculture (CRIDA), ICAR has developed agriculture contingency plans in collaboration with State Agricultural Universities in 600 districts of the country. The contingency plan provides broad advisory to farmers at the district level, prescribing alternate strategies in the event of climatic variability, by factoring

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in its crops/livestock/aquaculture practices/pattern, soil characteristics, infrastructural facilities etc. These plan are developed based on certain simulated models for different weather conditions like occurrence of drought, flood, cyclones, heat/cold wave, frost, diseases, etc. The details of financial assistance approved for drought in the last five years from the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) is given in the Statement.

Statement

Details indicating assistance approved from the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) for drought of 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15

(₹ in crores)

Sl. No.	Name of State	Assistance Approved
During-2010-2011		
1.	Bihar	1459.54
2.	Jharkhand	855.30
3.	Odisha	376.55
4.	West Bengal	724.99
During-2011-2012		
1.	Andhra Pradesh	706.15
2.	Karnataka	Kharif - 186.68 Rabi - 282.35
3.	Maharashtra	574.71
During-2012-2013		
1.	Karnataka	526.06
2.	Maharashtra	Kharif - 778.09 Rabi - 1036.98
3.	Kerala	Kharif - 62.61 Rabi - 107.89
4.	Gujarat	864.71
5.	Rajasthan	320.64
6.	Andhra Pradesh	142.97
7.	Tamil Nadu	624.69
During-2013-2014		
1.	Bihar	931.87

Sl. No.	Name of State	Assistance Approved
2.	Karnataka	226.57
3.	Andhra Pradesh	254.54
During-2014-2015		
1.	Haryana	168.87
2.	Karnataka	200.85
3.	Uttar Pradesh	777.34
4.	Maharashtra	1962.99
5.	Andhra Pradesh	237.51

Loan to landless farmers

†494. SHRI NAZIR AHMED LAWAY:
MIR MOHAMMAD FAYAZ:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is proposing to grant loans to the landless farmers, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if not, Government's response to the news published in a reputed Hindi newspaper on 4 June, 2015?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJIBHAI KUNDARIYA): (a) Yes, Sir. The target for financing five lakh Joint Farming Groups of Bhoomi Heen Kisan (Landless Farmers) through National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) was announced in the Union Budget for 2014-15. NABARD has advised all the States/UTs the target for financing five lakh Joint Farming Groups of Bhoomi Heen Kisan through banks during 2014-15. As on 31 March, 2015, 11.25 lakh Joint Liability Groups have been provided ₹ 11,036.16 crore credit by banks.

(b) Does not arise.

My Village and My Pride scheme

495. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to launch a new scheme titled "My Village and My Pride", if so, the details thereof; and

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