

Government is promoting organic farming through various schemes/programmes viz. National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA)/Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH).

Loss to agriculture due to floods and drought

1449. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that our country has been facing alternatively floods and drought and this situation is worsening for future of our agricultural sector;

(b) if so, how much loss was incurred due to floods and drought during the last two years;

(c) how many districts have been affected due to floods and drought situation in the country during this year; and

(d) whether Government is considering to adopt long term strategy to tackle natural calamity like drought and floods in the country, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJIBHAI KUNDARIA): (a) to (c) In the eventuality of drought and flood, State Governments are empowered to initiate necessary relief measures from State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) which is readily available with them. Additional financial assistance, over and above SDRF, is considered from National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) on receipt of drought relief memoranda from State Governments and in accordance with extant norms and procedures. Details of the amount sought by the State Governments and approved from NDRF due to drought for the last two years (2013-14 and 2014-15) are given in the Statement (*See below*). State Government has reported 207 districts in 9 States affected by drought in the country, during this year.

(d) Central Research Institute of Dryland Agriculture (CRIDA), in collaboration with State Agricultural Universities has prepared contingency plans for 600 districts for implementing location specific interventions to sustain agriculture production in the eventuality of any extreme climatic events.

States have been advised to ensure availability of appropriate low water consumption seeds and ensure meeting any contingency cropping requirement in the eventuality of deficient rainfall. 10% of funds available under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY)

have also been kept aside for undertaking appropriate interventions to mitigate drought like situation, if any, arising out of deficient rainfall. Appropriate drought mitigation measures viz. construction of water harvesting structure under MGNREGA; promotion of agronomic practices for moisture conservation; promoting cultivation of less water consuming crops; restoration of irrigation infrastructure by de-silting canals; energizing tubewells, replacing/repairing faulty pumps etc. are being initiated by States to deal with any potential drought situation.

Information in respect of flood is being collected and will be laid down on the table of the House.

Statement

*Assistance sought and approved from the National Disaster Response
Fund (NDRF) for drought of 2013-14 and 2014-15*

(₹ in crores)

Sl. No.	Name of State	Assistance sought by the State Government	Central assistance approved by GoI (under NDRF)
During - 2013-2014			
1.	Bihar	12564.04	931.87
2.	Karnataka	778.06	226.57
3.	Andhra Pradesh	638.09	254.54
	TOTAL:	13980.19	1412.98
During - 2014-2015			
1.	Haryana	4829.25	168.87
2.	Karnataka	779.20	200.85
3.	Uttar Pradesh	4819.49	777.34
4.	Maharashtra	6013.28	1962.99
5.	Andhra Pradesh	1532.00	237.51
	TOTAL	17973.22	3347.56