Assistance to farmers in areas receiving less than average rainfall

†1455. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE and FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a)   whether it is a fact that farmers of those States which received less than the average rainfall have not received Government assistance so far despite the announcement;

(b)   if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c)   if not, the names of the States which received less than the average rainfall and assistance provided by the Government to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJIBHAI KUNDARIA): (a) to (c) 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 memorandum from State Governments and in accordance with extant norms and procedures.

During Kharif 2015, in view of the deficit rainfall, many States like Karnataka, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Telangana, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh and Jharkhand are facing drought situation. Governments of these States have submitted Memoranda seeking financial assistance from NDRF. An amount of ₹1540.20 crore has been approved for Karnataka from NDRF. The proposals from other States are at various stages of processing/ Binalisation.

Coverage under crop insurance schemes

1456. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a)   whether it is a fact that only small proportion of farmers have been covered under various crop insurance schemes, if so, the details thereof;

(b)   the efforts being made to increase this coverage; and

(c)   the road-map for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJIBHAI KUNDARIA):

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