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24.	Tamil Nadu	NR	
25.	Telangana	NR	
26.	Tripura	0	31-07-15
27.	Uttar Pradesh	0	23-07-15
28.	Uttarakhand	0	16-07-15
29.	West Bengal	0	24-07-15
	TOTAL (States)	897	
30.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	0	22-07-15
31.	Chandigarh	0	28-07-15
32.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	0	02-07-15
33.	Daman and Diu	0	03-08-15
34.	NCT Delhi	0	01-05-15
35.	Lakshadweep	NR	
36.	Puducherry	0	22-07-15
	TOTAL (UT)	0	
	GRAND TOTAL (ALL INDIA)	897	

NR = Not reported,

Due to various reasons (including agrarian reason),

* The period in this case is Financial Year and not Calendar Year.

Impact of monsoon on production of foodgrains

2258. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of monsoon this year compared to the last year;
- (b) the impact of this year's monsoon on the foodgrains production in the country;
- (c) the alternative measure Government is taking in the event of less foodgrains production; and

(d) the status of production of pulses and their demand in the country this year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJIBHAI KUNDARIYA): (a) Rainfall during the monsoon season has been deficient/erratic in several parts of the country both in 2014-15 and 2015-16. As against overall rainfall deficiency of 12% over the LPA during the monsoon season of last year, the rainfall during the current year has been deficient by 14%.

(b) Rainfall during monsoon season is crucial for good agricultural production. The rainfall deficiency during last year as well as current year has adversely impacted kharif production in the country. Total production of Kharif Foodgrains during 2015-16, estimated at 124.05 million tonnes (1st Advance Estimates), is lower by 2.26 million tonnes as compared to Kharif foodgrains production of 126.31 million tonnes during 2014-15.

(c) Although production of foodgrains during 2014-15 has suffered due to erratic monsoon rainfall conditions and also untimely rains/hailstorms during February/March, 2015, there is sufficient stock of cereals under central pool for the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and other Welfare Schemes and also for making available in open market at affordable prices. As on 1st November, 2015 there is a stock of 112.92 lakh tones of rice as against the stocking norm of 102.50 lakh tones and 299.06 lakh tones of wheat as against the stocking norm of 205.20 lakh tones.

(d) The demand of pulses in the country for the current year *i.e.* 2015-16 is projected at 21 million tones. As per the 1st Advance Estimate (only Kharif) released on 16th September, 2015, the production of Kharif pulses in 2015-16 season is estimated at 5.56 million tones. However, the annual estimates of total production of pulses for the current year are not yet available.

Assistance to farmers for loss of crops

2259. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of districts faced deficient monsoon this year, State/UT-wise;

(b) the steps taken by Government to help farmers who lost their crops due to insufficient rains; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to ensure better preparation in the future to address the issue of deficient rains?