

Promoting the horticulture sector

1940. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intends to announce any special package/scheme to promote Horticulture sector in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA): (a) No proposal to announce any special package/scheme to promote Horticulture sector in the country is under consideration of this Ministry.

(b) Does not arise in view of the reply to part (a) of the question.

Steps to tackle drought

1941. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of remedial steps proposed to be taken by Government in drought affected areas; and

(b) the assistance provided to all drought affected States to tackle the situation during the last two years, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA): (a) and (b) The State Government is primarily responsible for taking necessary relief measures in the wake of natural calamities including drought. For undertaking relief measures, funds are available with the State Government in the form of State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF). Additional financial assistance, over and above SDRF, is considered from National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) for natural calamities of severe nature and is approved on the basis of Memorandum received from State Government, in accordance with established procedure.

Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture (CRIDA), Hyderabad of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), has prepared detailed crop Contingency Plans for 614 districts in the country. States have been advised for preparing/ updating/fine-tuning Contingency Plans for each district in consultation with CRIDA and the State Agricultural Universities (SAUs) and to prepare location specific remedial measures based on these contingency plans in the event of late arrival of Monsoon/long dry

spells/scanty rainfall/drought conditions *e.g.* tying up availability of seeds and other inputs for implementing the Contingency Plans.

The Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) was launched on 1st July, 2015 with the motto of 'Har Khet Ko Paani' for providing end-to-end solutions in irrigation supply chain, *viz.* water sources, distribution network and farm level applications. PMKSY not only focuses on creating sources for assured irrigation, but also creating protective irrigation by harnessing rain water at micro level through 'Jal Sanchay' and 'Jal Sinchan'. Micro Irrigation will be popularised to ensure 'Per drop-More crop'. PMKSY adopts State level planning and projectised execution that allows States to draw up their own irrigation development based on District Irrigation Plans and State Irrigation Plans. For 2016-17, funds allocated to PMKSY-Per Drop More Crop is ₹ 2340 crores and 8 lakh hectare area has been targeted under micro irrigation. So far, an amount of ₹ 1281.55 crores has been released to States for implementation of micro-irrigation activities and drought proofing, water harvesting and ground water replenishment and development measures in complementation and supplementation Watershed and Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA).

The details about Assistance approved from NDRF during the last two years to the drought affected States is given in the Statement.

Statement

*Details of Assistance approved from National Disaster
Response Fund (NDRF) for Drought*

(₹ in crores)			
Sl. No.	Name of State	Calamity	Assistance approved by Government of India
1	2	3	4
During 2014-2015			
1.	Haryana	Drought	168.87
2.	Karnataka	Drought	200.85
3.	Uttar Pradesh	Drought	777.34
4.	Maharashtra	Drought	1962.99
5.	Andhra Pradesh	Drought	237.51
TOTAL			3347.56

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During 2015-2016			
1.	Karnataka	Drought	1540.20
		Drought-R	723.23
2.	Chhattisgarh	Drought	1276.25
3.	Madhya Pradesh	Drought	2032.68
4.	Maharashtra	Drought-K	3049.36
		Drought-K	589.47
		(Supplementary) Drought-R	679.54
5.	Odisha	Drought	815.00
6.	Telangana	Drought	791.21
7.	Uttar Pradesh	Drought	1304.52
		Drought-R	622.76
8.	Andhra Pradesh	Drought	433.77
9.	Jharkhand	Drought	336.94
10.	Rajasthan	Drought	1193.41
11.	Uttarakhand	Drought-R	#
TOTAL			15388.34

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Under process/finalization.

Effectiveness of PMFBY

1942. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of farmers covered under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) as on date along with the total number of farmers in the country, State-wise;

(b) the number of insured farmers provided insurance claims as on date after damage of crops due to floods this year, State-wise;

(c) whether insurance scheme has failed to check farmers' suicide as country has witnessed unprecedented rise in suicide by farmers, if so, the reasons therefor; and