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Telangana	24,769,306,000
Uttar Pradesh	117,180,412,000
Uttarakhand	4,857,576,000
West Bengal	-
<b>North East States</b>	
Arunachal Pradesh	200,476,000
Assam	16,091,024,000
Manipur	706,482,000
Meghalaya	393,076,000
Mizoram	416,842,000
Nagaland	900,042,000
Sikkim	2,766,000
Tripura	1,420,848,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>508,527,792,000</b>

#### **Assistance to farmers for tackling drought**

2253. SHRI KUMAR KETKAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the relationship between drought support of ₹6,800 per hectare and nutritional requirement of farmers for sustenance in drought conditions;
- (b) the reasons for not reviewing this support to farmers; and
- (c) whether the assistance provided to farmers is enough and if not, the measures Government is considering on this issue?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR): (a) to (c) Based on the recommendation of the Fourteenth Finance Commission on financing of expenditure on immediate relief during natural calamities for the period 2015-20 and the report of the Expert Group, the Ministry of Home Affairs revised the items and norms of assistance from the State Disaster

Response Fund (SDRF) and the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) for the period 2015-20 on 08.04.2015. As per the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs, which is applicable from 2015-16 to 2019-20, relief assistance is provided from SDRF/NDRF towards input subsidy for the crop loss of 33% and above. The rate of input subsidy for crop loss is ₹ 6800/- per hectare for rainfed areas, ₹ 13500/- per hectare for assured irrigated areas and ₹ 18000/- per hectare for all type of perennial crops.

#### **Use of pesticides in farming**

2254. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is increasing use of pesticides in agriculture;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto;
- (c) whether Government has received any study/research report about the increasing cases of cancer due to the use of chemicals and pesticides in the agriculture sector;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto; and
- (e) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for encouraging natural/organic farming in the country?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR): (a) and (b) State Governments and Union Territories report data related to consumption of pesticides to Central Government. As per the provided data, the trend of consumption of chemical pesticides has varied from year to year and State to State. Pesticide use depends on several factors like area under cultivation, type of crop, cropping intensity, agro climatic conditions, soil condition, weed, insect and disease situation etc. It is pertinent to mention that the use of bio-pesticides is showing increasing trend in the various States.

(c) and (d) State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Gujarat, Haryana, Himanchal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Mizoram, Maharashtra, Nagaland, Odisha, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh and Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir have reported that they have not received any study/ research report about the increasing cases of cancer due to the use of chemicals and pesticides in the agriculture sector.