

Effect of Low Rainfall on Kharif and Rabi Crops in Haryana

1918. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about half of the total districts of Haryana did receive less than normal rainfall during the preceding monsoon season;

(b) whether it is also a fact that it not only caused a decline in the total yield of Kharif crop but Rabi crop is also under threat of being sown; and

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken to ensure availability of water and electricity round the clock to the farmers of Haryana, so that they can earn livelihood?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) According to the rainfall data provided by Indian Meteorological Department (IMD), eight out of 16 districts have received less than normal rainfall. However for the State as a whole, the total monsoon rainfall during the year 2000 was normal and better than last year.

(b) and (c) According to the State Government, a record production of kharif foodgrains have been achieved this year and the kharif foodgrains productivity is estimated as 1954kg./ha. as compared to 1785 Kg/ha. achieved last year. However, due to low rains in September 2000 and no rains in October 2000, sowing of rabi crops under rainfed conditions like gram and rapeseed & mustard have got a setback.