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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2252**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05/08/2022

**IMPACT OF DROUGHT ON PRODUCTION OF FOODGRAINS**

2252. DR. KANIMOZHI NVN SOMU:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of States affected by drought this year in the country;
- (b) the extent of loss incurred by each State as a result of this;
- (c) the norms prescribed for providing relief to drought affected States;
- (d) the amount of assistance and foodgrains demanded by each State; and
- (e) the amount released and quantum of foodgrains provided to tackle the problem of drought, State-wise especially in Tamil Nadu?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (c): The primary responsibility for disaster management rests with the State Governments. The State Governments provide financial relief to the affected people in the wake of notified disasters from the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF), already placed at their disposal. However, in the event of disaster of a severe nature, additional financial assistance is extended from the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF), as per the laid down procedure, which includes an assessment based on the visit of an Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMCT). No State has submitted any Memorandum seeking financial assistance from NDRF for drought during Kharif 2022 season, so far.

As per the extant guidelines, assistance towards input subsidy is provided for crop loss of 33% and above and restricted to 2 hectares per farmer. The rates are Rs. 6,800/- per hectare for rainfed crop areas; Rs.13,500/- per hectare for assured irrigated crop areas, subject to a minimum assistance of Rs.1,000/- and restricted to sown area; and Rs.18,000/- per hectare for all types of perennial crops, subject to minimum assistance not less than Rs.2,000/- and restricted to sown areas.

(d) & (e): No such request has been received from the States.

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