GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OFAGRICULTURE RAJYA SABHA QUESTION NO27.11.2009 ANSWERED ON CENTRAL ASSISTANCE TO DROUGHT AFFECTED STATES .

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Will the Minister of COALCOALAGRICULTURE be pleased to state :-

(a) whether it is a fact that with the deficiency of 29 per cent in South-West monsoon, the number of drought affected districts has risen to 177 in August this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Central teams have visited the affected States to assess the extent of damage; and

(d) if so, the details and findings thereof and the details of the Central assistance given to the affected States for relief measures?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION)

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(a)& (b):As reported by India Meteorological Department (IMD), there was a deficiency of 23 per cent in the rainfall during South-West Monsoon, 2009 in the country, as a consequence of which 12 States have declared drought/scarcity/drought like conditions covering 301 districts. State-wise details are as under:-

Andhra Pradesh (Drought) 22 districts Assam (Drought like situation) 27 districts 26 districts Bihar (Drought) Himachal Pradesh (Drought) 12 districts Jharkhand (Drought) 24 districts Karnataka (Drought) 20 districts Madhya Pradesh (Drought) 37 districts Maharashtra (Drought) 28 districts Manipur (Drought) 9 districts Nagaland (Drought like situation 11 districts Rajasthan (Scarcity) 27 districts Uttar Pradesh (Drought) 58 districts

(c)&(d):Yes, Sir. Inter Ministerial Central Teams (IMCTs) were deputed to all the 12 drought affected States to assess the requirement of assistance in response to memoranda submitted by the State Governments for assistance from the National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF).

On the basis of the reports of the IMCTs, the Government has so far approved assistance as under, subject to adjustment of 75% of balance available in their respective Calamity Relief Fund:-

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(Rs. in crore)
i. Bihar 1163.64
ii. Himachal Pradesh
                        88.93
iii. Jharkhand
                200.955
iv. Karnataka
                116.49
v. Madhya Pradesh 246.31
vi. Maharashtra
                  671.88
vii. Manipur
                  14.57
viii. Nagaland
                  21.12
ix. Rajasthan
               1034.84
x. Uttar Pradesh 515.05.
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