

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON
ERRATIC RAINFALL .

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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is fact that rainfall has been erratic during the last 2-3 years in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that rainfall comes late and it is heavily in the one part of the state and leaving the other part as drought; and
- (d) if so, the steps Government is taking to face drought and flood?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES

(SHRI VINCENT H. PALA)

- (a) India Meteorological Department (IMD) has informed that variability in the monsoon rainfall from year to year is common feature and that the analysis of the data do not indicate any erratic behaviour.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) IMD has also informed that the analysis of data does not indicate any definite relation between onset of monsoon over Kerala with rainfall in the country.
- (d) Various measures for mitigation of flood and droughts are undertaken by the respective State Governments. Central Water Commission maintains a network of 145 flood forecasting and 28 inflow forecasting stations. Government of India also provides assistance to the States for undertaking flood management and erosion control works in critical reaches under the scheme "Flood Management Programme". Ministry of Agriculture has devised a Crisis Management Plan for addressing the issues related to drought. In view of the deficient rainfall during the monsoon of 2009, an Empowered Group of Ministers (EGoM) has been constituted on 13.08.2009 to review the situation and take quick and timely decisions for effective management of drought and related issues.