

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 27.11.2009
ANSWERED ON
DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO DROUGHT AFFECTED BUNDELKHAND .

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Will the Minister of COALCOAL AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :-

- (a) the places visited by the Central team to take stock of the drought situation;
- (b) whether it is a fact that Bundelkhand in Uttar Pradesh is the worst affected;
- (c) names of the States and amount provided as assistance due to drought;
- (d) whether Government would provide any direct assistance keeping in view the situation of Bundelkhand; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) & (b):The Inter-Ministerial Central Teams have visited Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Nagaland, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh, which have so far declared drought/ scarcity/drought like situation due to the erratic South-West Monsoon, 2009. Bundelkhand region of Uttar Pradesh is more affected.

(c):Assistance from the National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) for drought relief, approved by the Government so far, is as under:

(Rs. in crore)

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| i. Bihar | 1163.64 | |
| ii. Himachal Pradesh | 88.93 | |
| | (Rs. in crore) | |
| 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 | |

This assistance is subject to adjustment of 75% of balance available in their respective Calamity Relief Fund (CRF).

(d) & (e):The Government has approved a Special Package at a cost of Rs.7,266 crore for implementation of a drought mitigation strategy for Bundelkhand region. The two State Governments viz. Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh will identify their respective agencies, which will draw the project proposals for implementation in their respective Bundelkhand areas.