

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
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ANSWERED ON
DROUGHT IN JHARKHAND

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether less than sufficient monsoon this year has badly affected the farming community in Jharkhand;
- (b) if so, the consequent loss of agriculture production;
- (c) whether Government has provided assistance to farmers to deal with the drought;
- (d) if so, the details of the assistance so far provided to farmers; and
- (e) the extent to which the farmers have been compensated by such assistance?

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 Indian Meteorological Department (IMD), Jharkhand was affected by deficit rainfall during South West Monsoon 2010, resulting in drought and causing damage to crops. As per available information, the foodgrains production in the State as per 1st Advance Estimates for Kharif 2010 is likely to be less than the production as per 4th Advance Estimates for Kharif 2009.

(c) to (e):Entire Central share of State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) for 2010-11 amounting to Rs.194.59 crores has been released to Jharkhand to enable the State Government to take necessary measures in the wake of natural calamities including drought. In response to the request of the State Government for assistance from National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) for drought relief, an Inter-Ministerial Central Team visited the State for assessment of the drought situation and requirement of Central assistance and the Government approved Rs.855.30 crores from NDRF for drought relief which is subject to adjustment of available balance in the SDRF of the State as determined by the Ministry of Home Affairs. Distribution of relief is the responsibility of the State Government. A scheme of "Diesel Subsidy" was announced for Kharif 2010 (14.7.2010 to 30.9.2010) for drought/deficit rainfall affected areas on last year's pattern to save the standing crops.