

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
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**ANSWERED ON**  
**SCANTY MONSOON RAIN .**

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :-

- (a) the number of districts in the country which have received scanty monsoon rain during the current year along with the number of districts declared drought affected out of these, State-wise; and
- (b) the details of economic assistance provided by the Central Government to the States to tackle drought during the current year?

**ANSWER**

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(a):As reported by India Meteorological Department, 11 meteorological districts in the country received scanty rainfall (-60% to -99% of Long Period Average) during South West Monsoon 2010. State-Wise details are indicated below:

Arunachal Pradesh	1
Jammu & Kashmir	1
Jharkhand	4
Meghalaya	1
Punjab	1
Uttar Pradesh	3

Out of these, 4 districts in Jharkhand are among the 24 districts declared as drought affected by the State Government.

(b):The State Governments could take necessary measures in the wake of natural calamities like drought from the fund available in its State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF). First installment of Central share of SDRF for 2010-11 has been released to all the States mentioned above. 2nd installment of Central share was released in advance to Jharkhand to enable the State Government take necessary drought mitigation measures expeditiously. In addition, the Government approved Rs. 855.30 crores from National Disaster response Fund (NDRF) to Jharkhand which is subject to adjustment of available balance in the SDRF of the State as determined by the Ministry of Home Affairs.