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EFFECTIVENESS OF DROUGHT MANAGEMENT PLAN

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether the Ministry has framed any drought management plan to meet emergency drought situation in the country, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether such plan and modifications from time to time have proved effective in those regions which faced drought-like situation in the recent past, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) & (b): A Manual for Drought Management was prepared by Government of India in 2009, which was revised in 2016. The Manual incorporates knowledge of modern scientific tools and institutional structures in the Central and State Governments to track the drought and initiate prompt response to it. Drought impact mitigation measures have also been discussed in detail by drawing inputs from programmes and schemes of the Government.

The State Governments are primarily responsible to monitor drought, take proactive mitigation measures, activate contingency plans in case of drought like situation and undertake relief measures.

Moreover, a Crisis Management Plan (CMP) for Drought has been in place since 2009. CMP refers to the actionable programme, which is pressed into action in the event of a crisis situation to minimize and to mitigate the impact of drought situation. CMP is updated annually in consultation with stakeholder Ministries/Departments.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare through ICAR-Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture has formulated District Agricultural Contingency Plans for 650 districts in the country to suggest contingency strategies to farmers to cope up with major weather related aberrations covering crops, horticulture, livestock, poultry and fisheries sectors in consultation with State Agricultural Universities and State Government Departments.
