

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3237
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6TH DECEMBER, 2016

SUBSIDY ON DIESEL, SEEDS AND FERTILIZERS

3237. SHRIMATI NEELAM SONKER:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any initiatives to provide financial assistance including subsidy on diesel, seeds and fertilizers to reduce the impact of drought;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to give work for 150 days instead of 100 days under MNREGA in such drought affected areas; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated by the Government to various States in this regard during the last one year and the current year, State-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA)

(a) & (b): The State Governments undertake necessary relief measures in the wake of natural calamities including drought, with the funds available in the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF). Additional financial assistance, over and above SDRF, is considered from National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) on the basis of Memorandum received from State Government. Assistance to farmers is provided as per guidelines on the items and norms of assistance from SDRF/ NDRF dated 8th April, 2015 of Ministry of Home Affairs available at ndmindia.nic.in. Subsidy on diesel and seeds was provided during the Financial Years 2014-15 and 2015-16 in drought affected areas.

Government of India is also implementing yield based Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) which has replaced the National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) & Modified National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (MNAIS), from Kharif 2016 season. Comprehensive risk insurance is provided under PMFBY to cover yield loss due to non-preventable risks including drought. On the other hand, Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (WBCIS) provides insurance protection to the farmers against adverse weather incidence, such as deficit and excess rainfall, high or low temperature, humidity etc. which are deemed to impact adversely the crop production.

(c) & (d): The Ministry of Rural development provides 50 days of additional employment in notified areas of drought affected States under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS). Provision of Additional employment of 50 days over and above 100 days per household under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) made in the notified drought affected areas of the States during 2015-16 and 2016-17 (as on 29.11.2016) is at **Annexure-I**.

MGNREGA is a demand driven wage employment programme, hence no State/Union Territory- wise allocation of fund is made. Funds for programme implementation are released to the States including drought affected States as per the agreed to Labour Budget and shelf of projects. Funds released under MGNREGS to notified drought affected States during 2015-16 and 2016-17 (As on 29.11.2016) is at **Annexure-II**.

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Provision of Additional employment of 50 days over and above 100 days per household under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) has been made in the following notified drought affected areas.

SI. No.	State	F Y 2015-16	F Y 2016-17*
		No. of districts/ talukas, etc.	No. of districts/ talukas, etc.
1.	Karnataka	136 taluks	62 taluks of 12 districts
2.	Chhattisgarh	93 tehsils	--
3.	Madhya Pradesh	268 tehsils	268 tehsils of 42 districts
4.	Odisha	215 blocks	--
5.	Andhra Pradesh	359 mandals	
6.	Uttar Pradesh	50 districts	08 districts
7.	Telangana	231 mandals	--
8.	Maharashtra	12183 Gram Panchayats(GPs)	--
9.	Jharkhand	All the 24 districts	--
10.	Rajasthan	2900 GPs	14487 villages of 19 districts
11.	Uttarakhand	--	07 districts

*Status as on 29.11.2016

F Y- Financial Year

Annexure-II

Funds released under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) to notified drought affected States

(Rs. in lakh)

SI. No.	State	F Y 2015-16	F Y 2016-17*
		Central fund Release	Central fund Release
1	Andhra Pradesh	307380.33	--
2	Chhattisgarh	106341.30	--
3	Jharkhand	97879.90	--
4	Karnataka	99155.27	149754.84
5	Madhya Pradesh	236732.20	257252.95
6	Maharashtra	123834.73	--
7	Odisha	147941.05	--
8	Rajasthan	269583.23	380382.65
9	Telangana	182484.92	--
10	Uttar Pradesh	269569.44	274195.21
11	Uttarakhand	--	44248.32
	Total	1840902.37	1105833.97

*Status as on 29.11.2016

F Y- Financial Year
