

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

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 33
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 18TH JULY, 2017

ASSISTANCE FOR DROUGHT

*33. SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:

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

- (a) whether the Southern States viz, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Kerala have been affected by drought during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, including the major drought affected districts, Statewise;
- (c) whether the Government has sent any Central team to visit the drought affected States to assess the losses and if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has received representations from various States seeking financial assistance to tackle the drought situation and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government thereon, State-wise; and
- (e) the details of the amount released/to be released by the Government to these Southern States under the State Disaster Relief Fund (SDRF) along with the status of utilisation of funds released to these States and the number of farmers benefited therefrom, State and year-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 33 DUE FOR REPLY ON 18TH JULY, 2017.

(a) & (b): The Governments of Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu declared drought and submitted Memorandum to the Central government for financial assistance during the period 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17, as per details below:

State	Year of declaration of drought and submission of Memorandum for assistance
Karnataka	2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17
Kerala	2016-17
Tamil Nadu	2016-17

Details of districts declared drought affected by the state governments of Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu during the last three years are indicated in **Annexure-I**. None of the States referred to above reported drought so far in 2017-18.

(c) & (d): Inter-Ministerial Central Teams (IMCTs) were deputed to Karnataka during 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17, and to Kerala and Tamil Nadu during 2016-17 to carry out assessment of the drought situations in those years and requirement of financial assistance. The quantum of assistance provided to the three drought affected States from National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) on the basis of IMCT reports is at **Annexure-II**.

(e): Statement indicating status of release of central share of State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) during 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18 to Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu is at **Annexure-III**. The SDRF is available with the states to provide immediate assistance in case of notified natural calamities, including drought.

Number of farmers benefited, as reported by the Government of Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu, are indicated below:

State	Year	Number of farmers benefited
Karnataka	2014-15	6,29,394
	2015-16	46,43,475
	2016-17	23,09,379
Kerala	2016-17	22,955
Tamil Nadu	2016-17	25,35,195

Annexure-I

Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 33 for reply on 18.07.2017, indicating names of districts declared as drought affected by Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu during 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17

State	Year	Names of districts declared as drought affected
Karnataka	2014-15 (Kharif)	Bangalore Rural, Bangalore Urban, Bidar, Chickballapur, Gulbarga, Hassan, Kolar, Ramanagara, Tumkur (total: 09)
	2015-16	Bagalkote, Bangalore Rural, Ballari, Belagavi, Bidar, Chamarajanagar, Chickballapur, Chikkamagalur, Chitradurga, Davanagere, Dharwad, Gadag, Hassan, Haveri, Kalaburgi, Kodagu, Kolar, Koppal, Mandya, Mysuru, Raichur, Ramanagara, Shivamogga, Tumakuru, Uttara Kannada, Vijayapura, Yadgir (Total : 27)
	2016-17 (Kharif)	Bagalkote, Bangalore Rural, Bangalaoire Urban, Ballari, Belagavi, Chamarajanagar, Chickballapur, Chikkamagalur, Chitradurga, Davanagere, Dharwad, Gadag, Hassan, Haveri, Kodagu, Kolar, Koppal, Mandya, Mysuru, Raichur, Ramanagara, Shivamogga, Tumakuru, Uttara Kannada, Vijayapura, Yadgir (Total:26)
	2016-17 (Rabi)	All 30 districts in the State
Kerala	2016-17	All 14 districts in the State*
Tamil Nadu	2016-17	All 32 districts in the State *

* No intimation received from Kerala & Tamil Nadu regarding declaration of drought in 2014-15 & 2015-16

Assistance approved from NDRF for drought during 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17

(Rs. in crore)

State	2014-15			2015-16			2016-17		
	Assistance sought by State	IMCT Recommendation	Approved by Central Government	Assistance sought by State	IMCT Recommendation	Approved by Central Government	Assistance sought by State	IMCT Recommendation	Approved by Central Government
Karnataka (Kharif)	779.20	319.47	200.85	3830.84	2176.22	1540.20	4702.54	1929.4677	1782.44
(Rabi)	--	--	--	1417.14	665.45	723.23	3310.83	743.234	795.544
Kerala	--	--	--	--	--	--	1019.906	112.052	Under consideration
Tamil Nadu	--	--	--	--	--	--	39565.00	2096.80	1748.28

Annexure-III

Status of Release of Central Share of SDRF during the period 2014-15 to 2017-18

(Rs. in crore)

State	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Karnataka	146.74	207.00	217.50	114.38
Kerala	119.50	138.75	145.50	Not yet released
Tamil Nadu	133.80	643.05	534.75	280.50
