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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 570
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 19TH DECEMBER, 2017

DROUGHT PRONE AREAS

570.   SHRI LAKHAN LAL SAHU:

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

(a)   the areas/places in the country which have been identified as drought prone areas;

(b)   whether in regard to drought prone areas, the Government has approved or is considering to approve any proposal to find out the reasons for droughts or analising it scientifically to prevent it; and

(c)   if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री   (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (c):   Government has decided that District Action Plans be prepared for districts which face frequent drought and acute water stress. In the first instance, following 24 districts of States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Rajasthan with the highest frequency of droughts during the 2000-2015 period have been identified:

Sl. No.	State	Districts
1	Karnataka (16)	Bagalkot, Bangalore Rural, Belgaum, Bellary, Bidar, Bijapur, Chitradurga, Devangere, Gadag, Gulbarga, Hassan, Kolar, Koppal, Mandhya, Mysore, Tumkur
2	Andhra Pradesh (4)	Anantapur, Chittoor, Kurnool, Prakasam
3	Rajasthan	Ajmer, Churu, Jaisalmer, Nagaur

The District action plans would be devised making use of basic information on soil types, rainfall characteristics, hydrological and irrigation profiles, watershed development, existing cropping patterns, social-economic vulnerabilities etc. and suggest appropriate measures which may, inter alia, include alterations in the cropping patterns, efficient and sustainable exploitation of ground water/irrigation resources etc. over the short, medium and long term. The Plans would also identify targets for various actionable recommendations to facilitate a robust monitoring of component/scheme wise progress.

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