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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.424
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 5TH FEBRUARY, 2019

IMPACT OF DEFICIT MONSOON ON AGRICULTURE

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

- (a) whether there are fears over deficit monsoon among the farmers in the country; and
(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken to allay such fears among the farmers?

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) & (b): The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has reported that the seasonal rainfall (June-Sept) over the country as a whole during monsoon 2018 was 91% of its Long Period Average (LPA). Seasonal rainfall over Northwest India, Central India, South Peninsula & Northeast India were 98%, 93%, 98%, and 76% of the respective LPA. Eight States (Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Manipur, Tripura, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Bihar and Gujarat) and one Union Territory (Lakshadweep) received less than normal rainfall during Monsoon 2018. Out of 36 meteorological subdivisions, 23 subdivisions constituting 68% of the total area of the country received normal seasonal rainfall, 1 sub-division received excess rainfall (1% of the total area) and 12 subdivisions constituting 31% of the total area received deficient rainfall.

During 2018-19, the Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Odisha intimated about drought of varying magnitudes and submitted Memoranda seeking financial assistance from National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF).

Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, through m-kisan portal, sends SMS advisory to registered farmers. These advisories include weather based SMS advisories, measures to minimize adverse impact of extreme weather events. These SMSs are sent by ICAR, State Agricultural Universities (SAUs), Kisan Vikas Kendras (KVKs), Agro-Meteorological Field Units (AMFUs) etc. and district level State Government officials.

Agriculture and allied sector related information is provided to the farmers through Kisan Call Centres (KCCs) having toll free telephone line 1800-180-1551 accessible through all mobile phones and landlines of all telecom networks including private service providers. Replies to the farmers' queries are given in 22 local languages between 6.00 am to 10.00 pm on all seven days of the week. Presently, 21 KCCs are operational across the country. Since inception of the scheme, in the year 2004 over **400.49** lakh live calls have been registered at the KCC till **December, 2018**.