

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

**LOK SABHA**  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2516  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2019

**EFFECT OF DROUGHT ON AGRICULTURE**

2516. SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the areas of Karnataka which are said to be facing water scarcity/drought, or expected to face it in the next two years; and
- (b) whether considering the fact that many areas of the country are facing water scarcity and drought, any measures have been taken to discourage sowing of water-intensive crops in these areas, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): The State Government of Karnataka has not submitted any Memorandum seeking financial assistance from National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) for drought during Kharif 2019 season. In the eventuality of drought and other natural calamities, the State Governments are empowered to initiate necessary relief measures from State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF), which is readily available with them. Additional financial assistance, over and above SDRF, is considered from National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) on receipt of relief Memoranda from State Governments and in accordance with extant norms and procedures. The state of water scarcity/drought like situation depends largely upon the intensity and extent of South-West Monsoon, which varies from year to year.

(b): Agriculture is a state subject. However, a detailed advisory has been issued by the Government of India to all States/Union Territories before the onset of monsoon 2019 season for reviewing the States' preparedness in managing any weather related contingency for mitigating the adverse impacts of an aberrant monsoon. The advisory, in-eralia, include updating the District Agriculture Contingency Plans & promoting cultivation of less water consuming crops by crop diversification. Under the National Food Security Mission (NFSM), NFSM-Pulses, NFSM-Coarse Cereals & NFSM-Nutri Cereals is being implemented in several states.

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