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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 558
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 25TH JUNE, 2019

PRECAUTIONS FOR MONSOON AND DROUGHT CONDITIONS

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any precautions for monsoon and drought conditions in the upcoming agriculture season;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any measures are being taken by the Government to expand outreach and extension of farmers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. Based on the first stage forecast of India Meteorological Department (IMD) for South-West Monsoon, a detailed advisory has been issued to all States/UTs on 25th April, 2019, for reviewing the States' preparedness in managing any weather related contingency for mitigating the adverse impacts of an aberrant monsoon. Second Advisory has also been issued to the States on 1st June, 2019. The State Govts. have been advised to update/fine-tune the District Agriculture Contingency Plans; to tie-up the availability of seeds and other inputs for implementing the Contingency Plans; to select suitable crops and cultivars for promoting less water consuming crops; to promote agronomic practices for conservation of moisture ;to make necessary arrangements for life saving irrigation; to restore irrigation infrastructure; to make use of technological interventions towards water conservation.; to extend support to farmers in the form of inputs, credit & extension and to sensitize field functionaries of State Agriculture Departments for effective implementation of contingency measures. Progress of Monsoon and Area coverage etc. are monitored weekly through Weather Watch Group meetings as well as video conferencing advising the States to take steps according to the prevailing situation. District Agriculture Contingency Plans for 648 districts have been prepared by Central Research Institute for Dry land Agriculture (CRIDA) to mitigate the situation in drought affected areas. There is a provision of distribution of seeds of contingency crops such as pulses, millets, oilseeds which are drought hardy and survive with minimal available water in rain fed/ drought affected areas under National Food Security Mission (NFSM). States also have been made aware about the latest know how/ technology during National Conference on Kharif – 2019. Government of India supports and facilitates the State Governments through many Centrally Sponsored and Central Sector Schemes to promote agriculture in the country to boost farmers' incomes through various schemes.
