

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.585**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2019

**DEFICIENT RAINFALL**

585. SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that South West Monsoon this year is below normal;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has taken note that many States particularly Karnataka are dependent on the South West monsoon and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government has also taken note that Karnataka received deficient rainfall for the last two years continuously;
- (d) if so, whether the Government is aware that deficient rainfall is causing drought in more than 165 talukas in Karnataka;
- (e) if so, whether the Government has received any representation seeking financial assistance to take up drought relief measures in the affected talukas of the State and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) whether the Union Government has taken any steps to understand the gravity of the situation and extend voluntary help to the State of Karnataka to rescue its people from the clutches of drought and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री ( SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): As per Second India Meteorological Department (IMD) Long Range Forecast, released on 31.05.2019, Rainfall over the country as a whole for the 2019 South-West Monsoon Season (June to September) is likely to be NORMAL (96% to 104% of the Long Period Average). Region-wise, the seasonal rainfall is likely to be 94% of LPA over North-West India, 100% of LPA over Central India, 97% of LPA over South Peninsula and 91% of LPA over North-East India.

(c) to (f): During 2017-18, the State Government of Karnataka has not submitted any Memorandum seeking financial assistance from National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF). However, during 2018-19, State Government of Karnataka declared drought in 100 talukas for Kharif season and 156 talukas for Rabi season and submitted Memorandum seeking financial assistance from NDRF. In response, Government of India approved an assistance of Rs.949.49 crore for drought during Kharif 2018.