

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH & EDUCATION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1888
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03/03/2020

CONTINGENCY PLANS BY ICAR-CRIDA

1888. SHRI KUMBAKUDI SUDHAKARAN:

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

- (a) whether the district agriculture contingency plans prepared by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research-Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture (ICAR-CRIDA) for 648 districts of the country have been shared with the respective district administrations, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government keeps track of training imparted to officials for possible implementation of the contingency plans, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government has evaluated the capacity and preparedness of district administrations to implement the contingency plans, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

- (a) Yes, 650 district plans are placed on the websites of the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India (<http://agricoop.nic.in/agriculture-contingency-plan-listing>) and also in the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) – Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture (CRIDA) website (<http://www.crida.in>) for downloading by stakeholders for implementation and operationalization.
- (b) Yes, every year, the Department of Agriculture Cooperation and Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW), MoA&FW, Government of India and Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE) organize State Level Interface Meetings with State Departments of Agriculture based on seasonal forecast and expected weather aberrations. Meetings were organized as and when aberrant weather was forecasted. A total of 36 such meetings were held in the last 6 years. In the meetings, the district officials are imparted knowledge on existing District Agricultural Contingency Plans (DACPs) and also on the possible weather aberrations that might occur in districts and contingency measures that could be taken.
- (c) Yes, capacity and preparedness are assessed through the following:-
- Reports and documents provided by the State government officials.
 - Through State Level Interface Meetings.

Accordingly, technical guidance is provided to respective states by involving State Agricultural Universities (SAUs), ICAR institutes, Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs).
