

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1464
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3RD MAY, 2016

DROUGHT RELIEF

1464. SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI:

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

- (a) whether the Government has started any consultancy services for the farmers in drought hit States of the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the manner in which these consultancy services are beneficial to the farmers?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIYA)

(a) & (b): The State Government is primarily responsible for taking necessary relief measures in the wake of natural calamities. Government of India supplements efforts of State Government with financial assistance and logistic support.

A Centrally Sponsored Scheme on "Support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms" is being implemented since 2005. To strengthen the extension activities, the scheme is now being implemented on mission mode during 12th Plan Period with some cost modifications and additional components in 652 districts of 29 states & 3 UTs of the country. About 14000 Extension Functionaries are presently working under the Scheme to implement the scheme in the field.

The scheme promotes decentralized farmer-driven and farmer-accountable extension system among the farming community. Under the scheme grants-in-aid is released to the state treasury with an objective to support State Governments efforts to revitalize their extension system and making available the latest agricultural technologies in different thematic areas including water use efficiency in draught hit/rain-fed areas in the country. Extension activities include Farmers Training, Demonstrations, Exposure Visits, Kisan Mela, Mobilization of Farmers Groups and organizing Farm Schools etc. Through these activities, latest agriculture technologies are disseminated to farmers.
