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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1421
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 28TH JULY, 2026

CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR DEFICIENT RAINFALL DISTRICTS

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

- (a) whether the Union and State Governments have prepared any special contingency plan in view of the possibility of deficient rainfall in all the districts of the State of Uttar Pradesh including Ayodhya Division and Bundelkhand regions during the current monsoon season;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of districts of Uttar Pradesh which have been declared as highly sensitive under this plan and the details thereof, district-wise; and
- (d) whether there is any proposal to give special 100% subsidy on seeds of coarse grains like jowar, bajra, ragi and oilseeds to bail out the farmers of Bundelkhand from the crisis?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) & (b): In view of probability of below normal rainfall during Kharif 2026-27, 262 districts were identified and prioritized for monitoring as vulnerable on the basis of the following criteria: - (i) Low Surface Irrigation Coverage (<50%): Districts where less than 50% of the agricultural area is covered by surface irrigation projects, leaving them majority dependent on monsoon rain. (ii) High Probability of Low Rainfall (>30%): Districts that have a greater than 30% probability of receiving below-normal rainfall during the monsoon. (iii) Districts having more than 20000 Hectares sown area during Kharif season 2024-25.

For these districts, updated District Agriculture Contingency Plans were prepared in consultation with State Government officials. These plans included crop strategies for delayed monsoon onset, as well as contingency measures to address mid-season and terminal drought conditions. The updated district-level crop contingency plans were shared with the State Government.

Further, the ICAR has developed Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for KVKs to implement these contingency plans. These SOPs encompass development of need based contingency plans, implementation procedures, coordination with agriculture department and other line departments, release of real time agro-advisories for the district, capacity development, awareness generation and real time feedback.

(c): The districts of Uttar Pradesh identified as vulnerable are Badaun, Chitrakoot, Deoria, Farrukhabad, Jhansi, Kheri, Mahoba, Saharanpur, Sonbhadra. Details of contingency plans for these districts have been shared with the State Government.

(d): The Government has approved the National Mission on Edible Oils - Oilseeds (NMEO-OS) on 3rd October, 2024 for seven-year period, from 2024-25 to 2030-31 to boost domestic oilseed production and to strive toward self-reliance in edible oils.

The mission aims to enhance the production of primary oilseed crops such as Rapeseed & Mustard, Groundnut, Soybean, Sunflower, Sesamum, Niger, Safflower, Linseed & Castor as well as increasing collection and extraction efficiency from secondary sources like Cottonseed, Rice Bran, Corn oil and Tree Borne Oils. The scheme is being implemented in 30 States/UTs **including Uttar Pradesh.**

As informed by the State Government of Uttar Pradesh, Kharif 2026 seed target & distribution in Bundelkhand region under NMEO-Oilseeds Mission is as mentioned below: -

S. No	Districts	Sesame (in qtl.)		Groundnut (in qtl.)		Soybean (in qtl.)	
		Tgt.	Dist.	Tgt.	Dist.	Tgt.	Dist.
1	Jhansi	120	120	20000	19000	448	448
2	Lalitpur	41	41	3000	3000	1360	1360
3	Jalaun	250	250	2000	500	480	479.94
4	Hamirpur	200	200	3000	3000	16	16
5	Mahoba	150	150	10000	10000	16	16
6	Banda	70	70	100	80	0	0
7	Chitrakoot	11	11	0	0	0	0

DA&FW has issued an advisory to the states (including Uttar Pradesh) and U.T. Administration to support pre-season planning for district level crop and variety selection, State level seed reserve of early maturing- short duration varieties under the National Seed Reserve (NSR) framework, activation of contingency seed reserves before monsoon onset and seed quality and quantity monitoring during peak demand.

For the year 2026-27, an amount of 2684.72 Lakh has been approved under Annual Action Plan of Uttar Pradesh for the taking up the Interventions under National Food Security and Nutrition Mission (NFSNM): Seed components. 15433 Quintals seeds of Shree Anna (Hybrid Jowar and Bajra) have been approved for distribution in the State @ 50% of cost or Rs.10,000/Quintals (whichever is less) under the NFSNM Annual Action Plan of Uttar Pradesh during 2026-27.
