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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2759
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 04TH AUGUST, 2026

IMPACT OF DEFICIENT RAINFALL ON KHARIF CROPS

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the severe drought-like situation prevailing in several parts of North India, including Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh;
- (b) the impact of deficient rainfall and delayed monsoon on the sowing of Kharif crops such as paddy, maize, cotton and pulses during the current season;
- (c) the State-wise details of the extent of area sown so far vis-à-vis the normal area and steps taken to provide drought relief, irrigation support and seeds to affected farmers; and
- (d) the contingency plans and financial assistance proposed to mitigate crop losses and ensure food security?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) to (d): State and District wise rainfall in all States are available on Indian Meteorological Department (IMD)'s website <https://mausam.imd.gov.in/>. Details of cumulative rainfall (from 01.06.2026 to 29.07.2026) in the State of Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh is as under: -

States	Cumulative rainfall (From 01.06.2026 to 29.07.2026)		
	Actual RF (in mm)	Normal RF (in mm)	% Departure from Normal
Punjab	136.4	204.5	-33
Haryana	144.7	195.2	-26
Rajasthan	173.8	206.3	-16
Uttar Pradesh	260	342.8	-24
Himachal Pradesh	324	339.7	-5

Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare is continuously monitoring the evolving monsoon situation and the possible impact of El Niño conditions on agriculture in close coordination with the India Meteorological Department (IMD), various Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) institutions, ICAR- Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture (CRIDA), Central Water Commission (CWC), Central Ground Water Board (CGWB), Mahalanobis National Crop Forecast Centre (MNCFC), the Department of Food and Public Distribution (DFPD), the Department of Fertilisers (DoF) and State Governments.

The sowing operations for Kharif 2026-27 are still underway, and the first advance estimates for all major Kharif crops in the 2026-27 agricultural year (July–June) have not yet been released. The details of State-wise area sown vis-à-vis the normal area under Kharif crops as on 13.07.2026 is attached as **Annexure**. As compared to last year sowing, the present sowing is only 5% less in the same period.

DA&FW has issued an advisory to the states 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.

District Agriculture Contingency Plans have been updated for 342 districts by ICAR – CRIDA and State Governments collaboratively. These plans included crop strategies for delayed monsoon onset, as well as contingency measures to address mid-season and terminal drought conditions.

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.

As per the National Policy on Disaster Management (NPDM), the State Governments are primarily responsible for providing necessary relief measures on ground level in the wake of notified calamities. The State Governments undertake relief measures in the wake of natural calamities from funds available in the form of the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) in accordance with the Government of India approved items and norms. Additional financial assistance, over and above SDRF, is considered from the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF), as per laid down procedure, in case of disaster of 'severe nature, which includes an assessment based on the visit of an Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMCT) and a memorandum submitted by the State for financial assistance from NDRF. The financial assistance provided under SDRF and NDRF is by way of relief and not for compensation of losses suffered/ claimed. The State wise allocation of SDRF /NDRF is available at <https://ndmindia.mha.gov.in/>.

Annexure

State-wise progress of weekly area coverage under Kharif crops as on 13.07.2026 (Area: In lakh hectare)					
S.No.	State	Normal Area (2020-21 to 2024-25) (June-Sept.)	Area Sown		Increase(+)/ Decrease(-) over 2025-26
			2026 (As on 13.07.2026)	2025 (As on Corresponding week)	
1	Andhra Pradesh	31.13	11.41	9.72	1.69
2	Assam	21.51	12.83	7.81	5.02
3	Bihar	35.63	23.15	17.25	5.90
4	Chhattisgarh	42.45	33.49	33.72	-0.23
5	Gujarat	73.97	46.64	52.95	-6.31
6	Haryana	27.64	22.79	24.85	-2.06
7	Himachal Pradesh	3.53	3.11	3.35	-0.24
8	Jharkhand	19.67	6.62	4.83	1.79
9	J&K	5.90	4.13	4.46	-0.33
10	Karnataka	78.96	43.23	56.64	-13.41
11	Madhya Pradesh	138.48	124.18	129.12	-4.94
12	Maharashtra	157.49	126.39	142.09	-15.70
13	Odisha	44.88	14.21	17.42	-3.21
14	Punjab	35.04	34.11	34.72	-0.61
15	Rajasthan	130.75	100.55	116.01	-15.46
16	Tamil Nadu	24.12	4.41	5.20	-0.79
17	Telangana	50.90	27.00	26.50	0.50
18	Uttar pradesh	117.83	121.40	111.30	10.10
19	Uttarakhand	4.68	4.70	4.54	0.16
20	West Bengal	48.28	15.41	16.31	-0.90
Total (20 major states)		1092.84	779.76	818.79	-39.03
Other States		11.61	7.61	7.40	0.21
All-India		1104.45	787.37	826.19	-38.82
