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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 662**

TO BE ANSWERED ON 22/11/2019

**DROUGHT MANAGEMENT**

662. SHRI SANJAY SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the regions affected by drought during the last three years;

(b) the steps taken for drought management; and

(c) the outcome thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): The States for which financial assistance from National Disaster Response Fund has been approved, on account of their being affected by drought, during the last three years i.e. 2016-17 to 2018-19, is as under:

**During 2016-17:**

Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan and Puducherry (5 States and 1 UT).

**During 2017-18:**

Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh (5 States).

**During 2018-19:**

Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Gujarat and Jharkhand (6 States).

(b) & (c)**:** The ‘Manual for Drought Management, 2016’ highlights the various drought mitigation programmes and measures in vogue, such as construction of water harvesting & conservation structures, use of water saving technology, afforestation etc. A Drought Management Plan, 2017, has been prepared for the benefit of all stakeholders for drought management & mitigation. These documents are available at Ministry’s website.

District Agriculture Contingency Plans for 650 districts have been prepared by Central Research Institute for Dry land Agriculture (CRIDA) to mitigate the situation in drought affected areas. There is a provision of distribution of seeds of contingency crops such as pulses, millets, oilseeds, which are drought hardy and survive with minimal available water in rain fed/ drought affected areas under National Food Security Mission (NFSM).

In the eventuality of natural calamities, the State Governments are empowered to initiate necessary relief measures from State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF), which is readily available with them. Additional financial assistance, over and above SDRF, is considered from National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF), on the receipt of Memorandum from State Governments and in accordance with extant norms and procedures.

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