

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DROUGHT PRONE AREAS IN KARNATAKA
SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total drought prone areas in Karnataka;
- (b) the steps taken to provide adequate relief to the farmers to combat the drought situation;
- (c) whether any rehabilitation scheme is undertaken for the drought affected farmers in the State; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): According to the Department of Land Resources in the Ministry of Rural Development which is implementing the Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) in the country, at present, 15 districts in Karnataka covering a total area of 84,332 sq kms. have been identified as drought prone.

(b) to (d): The primary responsibility for taking necessary measures in the wake of natural calamities including drought is that of the State Governments concerned. The Government of India only supplements the efforts of the State in addition to release of entire Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) for 2003-04 amounting to Rs. 64.74 crores for undertaking relief measures in the wake of natural calamities, assistance of Rs. 115.86 crores from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) and 1.65 lakh MTs of foodgrains for relief employment have been provided to Karnataka for drought declared during Kharif 2003.