

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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DROUGHT AFFECTED STATES

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the specific areas which have been affected by drought this year in the country, State- wise;
- (b) the extent of loss suffered by each State as a result thereof;
- (c) the States visited by the Central team for the purpose with the findings thereof;
- (d) the assistance and foodgrains sought by each of the affected State;
- (e) the actual amount released and foodgrains provided to each State to overcome the problem as on date;
- (f) whether adequate assistance has not been provided to deal with the problem to the States particularly to Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh; and
- (g) if so, the reasons therefor and the time by which the necessary amount and foodgrains are likely to be provided?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) to (g): While no Memorandum for assistance for drought has been received from any State after commencement of South-West Monsoon, Jharkhand has declared drought in 22 Districts and Government of Andhra Pradesh have also notified continued drought conditions in 644 Mandals. The State Government of Andhra Pradesh has been requested to conduct a fresh review of the prevailing drought like condition in the light of rains during September, 2005 which have substantially improved the situation in that State and also to communicate their re-assessed requirements, if any, for relief assistance.

Andhra Pradesh and Jharkhand have so far not communicated extent of losses, if any, caused by drought.