

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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PREDICTION ON MONSOON

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Indian Meteorological Department has predicted monsoon failure during this year;
- (b) if so, its expected impact on foodgrains production (both Kharif and Rabi crops) during current year;
- (c) if so, the details of areas which are expected to be badly affected, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has in place some crisis management scheme to face the expected drought condition;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether the Government proposes to make good the shortfall in production of foodgrains;
- (g) if so, whether the Government proposes to compensate the farmers that would be affected by the failure of monsoon; and
- (h) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a): The India Meteorology Department's operational Long Range Forecast for the 2006 South-west Monsoon season (June – September) is that the rainfall for the country as a whole is likely to be 93% of the Long Period Average (LPA) with a model error of  $\pm 5\%$ .

(b)&(c): It is too early to estimate the impact on the foodgrain production since the production performance also depends on the temporal and spatial distribution of the rainfall.

(d)&(e): In this regard, the State Governments have funds in the Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) to take up necessary relief measures in the areas affected by natural calamities including drought. In case of shortage of funds in CRF the State Government can avail additional financial assistance from the National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF). The Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture (CRIDA) has contingency plans prepared for the rainfed regions in the country in case of delay or poor monsoon rainfall and are made available through local newspapers apart from putting them on the Indian Council of Agricultural Research and CRIDA websites.

(f): The Government has decided to import 3.5 million tonnes of wheat to augment the buffer stocks in the country.

(g)&(h): Apart from giving the assistance through CRF and NCCF, National Agricultural Insurance Scheme is also being implemented to provide insurance coverage and compensation to the farmers in the event of failure of any of the notified crops.