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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1608
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 2ND JULY, 2019

EFFECT OF DROUGHT ON FOODGRAIN PRODUCTION

1608. SHRI SYED IMTIAZ JALEEL:

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

- (a) whether late arrival of monsoon and rain is likely to be below normal in June and there are serious drought conditions in various States of the country;
- (b) if so, the extent to which delay in monsoon is likely to affect sowing of kharif crop;
- (c) the extent to which delayed monsoon is likely to hit agricultural production in various parts of the country;
- (d) whether the Government has estimated the loss in foodgrain production due to these reasons; and
- (e) if so, the efforts being made by the Government to fill the shortfall in foodgrain production?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): As per the second Long Range forecast released by IMD rainfall during the monsoon 2019 over the country as a whole is likely to be normal. Proper distribution of rainfall is more important for normal crop production. It is too early to determine the drought like situation in any areas from agriculture point of view. Further, till date no State Government has submitted any Memorandum seeking financial assistance from National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) during Kharif, 2019 season. However, Government has prepared contingency plans to cope with any adverse rainfall situation.

(c) to (e): The first official estimates of production of Kharif crops are normally released in the month of September. Therefore, it is too early to assess the production of Kharif crops for the current season.
