

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 12.03.2010
ANSWERED ON
SUICIDE BY FARMERS DUE TO DROUGHT .

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Will the Minister of COAL, HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE, AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :-

- (a) the drought situation in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the number of farmers who have committed suicide in the country due to drought, during last three years and 2010 till date, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government has any plan to give grants or relief to the affected people; and
- (d) if so, the action taken in this regard by Government, so far?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

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(a):During 2009-10, 14 States have declared 337 districts as facing drought/scarcity/drought-like situation.
State-wise details are indicated below:

S.No. Name of State No. of districts declared

(i)	Andhra Pradesh	22
(ii)	Assam	27
(iii)	Bihar	26
(iv)	Himachal Pradesh	12
(v)	Jammu & Kashmir	18
(vi)	Jharkhand	24
(vii)	Karnataka	20
(viii)	Madhya Pradesh	37
(ix)	Maharashtra	28
(x)	Manipur	09
(xi)	Nagaland	11
(xii)	Orissa	18
(xiii)	Rajasthan	27
(xiv)	Uttar Pradesh	58
	Total	337

(b):No report on suicides by farmers during last three years and 2010, due to drought, has been received from any of the drought affected States.

(c) & (d): It is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments concerned to take necessary measures in the wake of natural calamities including drought, from the funds available with them in the Calamity Relief Fund (CRF). Additional assistance is considered for natural calamities of severe nature from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF), in accordance with an established procedure on submission of Memorandum by the affected States. In addition to release of Central share of CRF for 2009-10 to the admissible States, details of assistance approved from NCCF for 12 of the 14 affected States (except Jammu & Kashmir and Orissa) is indicated below:

(Rs. in crores)

S.No.	Name of State	Amount approved from NCCF
(i)	Andhra Pradesh	642.02
(ii)	Assam	89.94
(iii)	Bihar	1163.64
(iv)	Himachal Pradesh	88.93
(v)	Jharkhand	200.955
(vi)	Karnataka	116.49
(vii)	Madhya Pradesh	246.31
(viii)	Maharashtra	671.88
(ix)	Manipur	14.57
(x)	Nagaland	21.12
(xi)	Rajasthan	1034.84
(xii)	Uttar Pradesh	515.05

subject to adjustment of available balances in the CRF of the respective States, as determined by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).

Necessary proposal relating to Orissa has been sent to MHA for placing it before the High Level Committee (HLC) for a decision on the quantum of assistance from NCCF, for drought relief to the State. An Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMCT) has been constituted to visit Jammu & Kashmir early for assessment of the drought situation and requirement of Central assistance.

