

DROUGHT IN KARNATAKA
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RSQ 487

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

- the names and the number of districts in Karnataka facing drought almost every year;
- whether Central Government has received any suggestions from the State Government to deal with the problem of drought;
- if so, the details thereof, district-wise, along with the response of the Central Government thereto;
- the details of the assistance provided by the Central Government to these drought affected districts including the subsidy on diesel to farmers on the basis of land holding; and
- the other steps taken by Government to mitigate the problem of drought in the country?

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIA)

(a) to (d): In view of the deficit Monsoon, Government of Karnataka has declared drought in 24 districts, 26 districts, 22 districts and 9 districts during the years of 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 & 2014-15, respectively and submitted drought Memorandum. List of the drought affected districts and financial assistance approved from the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) to the State Government of Karnataka for the last four years is **annexed**.

The Government of Karnataka has not submitted any proposal/claim on diesel subsidy to this Department during the current financial year 2014-15.

(e): Government of India is implementing various schemes for drought mitigation such as creation of Irrigation Potential & Command Area Development under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP); Watershed Development Programme under Integrated Watershed Management Programme; Micro Irrigation/ water saving technologies – sprinkler, drip under National Mission on Sustainable Agriculture & various crop development schemes/programmes like Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), National Food Security Mission (NFSM) and Bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India – a sub-scheme of RKVY for increasing production and productivity of foodgrains and increasing income of farmers. In the event of drought like situation, States are advised to ensure availability of certified seeds of short duration, drought tolerant varieties and alternate crops, availability of fertilizers, ensure power supply and other critical inputs in time. Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture (CRIDA), ICAR is developing detailed district-wise contingency plans to provide a broad advisory to farmers at the district level.

Annexure

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Rs. in crore

Sl. No.	Year	Name of the districts declared drought affected	Assistance provided by the Government of India
1.	2011-2012	Bagalkote, Belgaum, Bellary, Bidar, Bijapur, Chamarajnaragar, Chikkaballapura, Chikamagalur, Chitradurga, Davangere, Dharwad, Gadag, Gulbarga, Hasan, Haveri, Kolar, Koppal, Mandya, Mysore, Raichure, Ramanagara, Tumkur, Yadgiri, Bangalore Rural	469.03
2.	2012-2013	Bagalkote, Bangalore Rural, Bangalore Urban, Belgaum, Bellary, Bidar, Bijapur, Chamarajanagar, Chikkaballapura, Chikkamagalur, Chitradurga, Davangere, Dharwad, Gadag, Gulbarga, Hassan, Haveri, Kolar, Koppal, Mandya, Mysore, Raichure, Ramanagar, Shimoga, Tumkur, Yadgiri,	526.06
3.	2013-2014	Bangalore Urban, Ramanagar, Kolar, Chickballapur, Tumkur, Chitradurga, Davangere, Chamarajanagara, Mysore, Mandya, Bellary, Koppal, Gulbarga, Yadgir, Belgaum, Bagalkote, Bijapur, Gadag, Haveri, Dharwad, Hassan, Uttara Kannada	226.57

4.	2014-2015	Bangalore Urban, Bangalore Rural, Ramanagar, Kolar, Chickballapur, Tumkur, Gulbarga, Bidar, Hassan	200.85
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