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**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4428**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2019

**DROUGHT SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY**

4428. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that 235 of the 630 districts in the Country have faced deficit of 20 per cent or more rain during the current monsoon season so far;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of districts which received excess, normal and less rain after the onset of current monsoon;
- (d) whether due to shortfall of rain, these districts are bracing for acute drought situation in the coming months;
- (e) whether the Government has chalked out any plan for expected drought facing districts in the country; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and its likely impact on kharif crop production?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (c): As per the data of India Meteorological Department (IMD), New Delhi, 252 districts received deficient rainfall during the current monsoon season i.e. 01.06.2018 to 30.09.2018.

(d): In view of shortfall of rain, the State Governments of Maharashtra (26 districts), Karnataka (24 districts), Andhra Pradesh (09 districts), Jharkhand (18 districts), Gujarat (11 districts), Rajasthan (09 districts) and Odisha (09 districts) declared drought during Kharif, 2018.

(e): Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare through ICAR-Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture (CRIDA), Hyderabad, has prepared detailed crop Contingency Plans for 648 districts. States have been advised for preparing, updating, and fine-tuning Contingency Plans for each district in consultation with CRIDA-ICAR and the State Agriculture Universities and to prepare location specific remedial measures based on these contingency plans in the event of late arrival of Monsoon, long dry spells, scanty rainfall, drought conditions, tying up availability of seeds and other inputs for implementing the Contingency Plans. The Government of India has also taken initiative to develop drought proofing plans for selected districts in the country. As part of this, in the 1<sup>st</sup> phase, 24 districts located in the states of Andhra Pradesh (4), Karnataka (16) and Rajasthan (4) were taken up for development of plans.

(f): The drought has not affected the Kharif production during 2018. As per the 1<sup>st</sup> Advance Estimates of Production of Foodgrains for 2018-19, the production of foodgrains during Kharif 2018 is estimated as 141.59 million tonnes against the target of 141.20 million tonnes.

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