

STATEMENT OF HON'BLE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE AND ALLIED SECTORS ON
SHORT DISCUSSION – “FAILURE OF MONSOON AND MEASURES TAKEN FOR
WELFARE OF FARMERS”

- The normal onset of monsoon commenced from 13th of June 2015. Initially there was a good spell of rain which facilitated early sowing of rainfed crops in all the districts.
- Subsequently there was a continuous dry spell of more than 25 days with a huge deficit of -66% which affected badly rain fed crops particularly in red soils. However after this the monsoon was revived and good amount of rain fall was received in the month of August / September which has brought down the overall deficiency to -14% only.
- The area Sown was 35.13 Lakhs ha under all the crops which is equivalent to 85% of the normal area of 41.43 Lakhs ha. Out of the total area sown, 26.03 Lakhs ha is under rainfed conditions and 9.1 Lakh ha is under irrigated conditions.
- Further analysis of district wise rain fall data indicated that Adilabad, Khamam and Warangal (except Jangaon Revenue Division) had normal rain fall and crops condition is satisfactory.
- On the other hand Karimnagar and Nalgonda districts due to continuous dry spells affected rain fed crops to the extent of 50%.
- Where as Nizambad, Ranga Reddy and Medak Districts had deficit rain fall in majority of the mandals which damaged the crops to the extent of 75% and the crops in black cotton soils only survived which may give some yield.
- The rain fall in Mahabubnagar district was very low and the crops were severely affected and the damage was to the extent of 100%.

- The Govt. has taken all the steps in providing loan waiver (Rs. 8336 Crores), positioning of seeds and fertilizers well in advance duly placing buffer stocks for the first time and quality power supply without any interruption.
- In spite of all the timely efforts taken by the Government, due to unfavorable seasonal conditions of two consecutive drought years as per the information received from the field, it is unfortunate to hear such sad news of farmers committing suicides due to distress.
- This distress is due to non-completion of irrigation projects, abnormal depletion of ground water leading to drilling of more number of bore wells, decades of negligence of development of minor irrigation tanks and erratic power supply in the past.
- Because of above reasons Government is proposing to grant enhanced ex-gratia to all the suicidal deaths approved by the committee since 2nd June 2014.
- The Government will try to consider sympathetically the demand of loan waiver of remaining 50% loan at once.
- The Government is very much concerned about the farmer suicides and here by appeal to the farmers through this house not to resort to the extreme step of suicides since the Government is taking all the possible measures for the welfare of the farmers.

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