



भारत सरकार

कृषि मंत्रालय

कृषि एवं सहकारिता विभाग

Government of India

Ministry of Agriculture

Department of Agriculture & Cooperation

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D.O.No.38-8/2014-DM

Dear

As you are aware, India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast that rainfall during the ensuing Southwest Monsoon is likely to be 95% \pm 5% of Long Period Average (LPA). IMD shall, as per past practice, also issue an updated forecast in June, 2014 with details of the temporal (monthly) and regional distribution of monsoon rainfall that would help us plan, and implement, a detailed strategy for Kharif, 2014. It would, however, be useful to immediately initiate advance action so as to prepare ourselves to meet any eventualities arising due to an aberrant monsoon to minimize the adverse impact thereof on the agriculture sector. Such action may include:

1. Preparing / updating / fine-tuning Contingency Plans for each district in consultation with Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture (CRIDA), Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and the State Agricultural University(ies);
2. Tying up availability of seeds and other inputs for implementing the abovementioned Contingency Plans;
3. Constructing water harvesting structures under MGNREGA and other such schemes;
4. Promoting agronomic practices for moisture conservation;
5. Promoting cultivation of less water consuming crops;
6. Restoring irrigation infrastructure by desilting canals; energizing tube-wells, replacing / repairing faulty pumps;

In addition, it may be useful to keep aside about 5 to 10 % of the funds allocated to your State under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) for undertaking appropriate interventions, if the situation so warrants, to minimize the adverse impact of an aberrant monsoon on the agriculture sector.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Ashish Bahuguna)

To Chief Secretaries and Administrators of all States/UTs (except Chandigarh, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu, Delhi & Lakshadweep)

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