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DROUGHT MATTER
MOST IMMEDIATE

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Government of India
Ministry of Agriculture
(Department of Agriculture & Cooperation)
Drought Management Division

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Subject: Drought Situation Report – 14th August, 2009

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Reservoir Position	As on 13.8.2009 , the live storage in the 81 important reservoirs was 57.148 (BCM) , which was 38% of the storage capacity at FRL , while it was 44% during last year and 45% of the coverage of last ten years average.																																																								
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CRF, NCCF & Central Team	<p>1st Installment of CRF have been released to the States of Assam, Bihar, Jharkhand, Manipur & Uttar Pradesh.</p> <p>On receipt of Memoranda of Assistance from NCCF from the States of Jharkhand, Manipur & Uttar Pradesh, Inter-Ministerial Central Teams have been formed to assess the situation and the requirement of Central Assistance, etc. Central Teams will be visiting the States shortly.</p>																																																								
Action taken so far	<p>Government of India has already initiated a number of measures to address the situation arising out of deficient/scanty rainfall. Condition as summarised below:</p> <p>D/o Agriculture & Cooperation–</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The scheme of diesel subsidy for drought and deficit rainfall affected areas has been announced for the drought affected States and districts with deficit rainfall of more than 50% as on 15th July, 2009, for the period upto 30/9/09. • Allocation of additional quantities of seeds to support alternate crop plan. 																																																								

- Ensuring adequate availability of fertilizers in the areas receiving good rainfall to enhance productivity and production.
- Providing flexibility to the States to utilize funds allocated under RKVY to meet agricultural contingent situations.
- Issue of advisories to farmers through Extension Directorate of this Department and ICAR.
- Periodic meeting of Inter-Ministerial Group chaired by Secretary (Agriculture & Cooperation).
- Conference with the Chief Secretaries of States and UTs on 8th August 2009 to review situation and take appropriate mitigating measures.
- Periodical review through Video Conferencing with State Secretaries of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry & Power and State Relief Commissioners.
- Advisory Services by Doordarshan / AIR.
- Team of Experts from National Rainfed Areas Authority (NRAA) sent to drought affected States.

M/o Power

- Additional allocation of Power from Central Pool to Punjab and Haryana 100 MW each, 45 MW during off peak hours & 100 MW during peak hours to U.P., 31 MW to Bihar and 24 MW during peak hours & 10 MW during off peak hours to Assam.

M/o Water Resources

- Contingency Plan for enhancing water for irrigation and restricting water for other uses has been issued.
- Weekly Monitoring of Rainfall and Storage in major reservoirs and Basins
- Handing over the exploratory Tube wells by Central Ground Water Board to States for augmenting the water supply
- Creation of new dug wells and bore wells and energizing the existing structures

D/o Drinking Water Supply

- Activating Contingency Plan for ensuring availability of drinking water in rural & urban areas and advisory issued to all states for prudent use of available water resources
- Monitoring of the Drinking Water Status in rural areas and support through ARWSP.

	<p>D/o Animal Husbandry & Dairying</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing mini-kits under Fodder Development Programme • Monitoring the Prices of Milk on regular basis. • Department is monitoring regularly the availability of fodder with States. No deficiency or request for dry fodder received from states.
<p>Important upcoming activities</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- An Empowered Group of Ministers (EGoM) has been constituted to review the situation and take quick and timely decisions on policy issues as well as on other issues for effective management of drought and related issues. 2- Chief Minister's Conference to be held on 17th August, 2009 3- State Agriculture Minister's Conference to be held on 21 August, 2009. 4- State Relief Commissioners Conference of drought affected States to be held on 27^h August, 2009 5- Weekly Meetings of IMG on every Friday.

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