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To
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Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture and Farmer Welfare
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New Delhi

Sub: FAIFA appeals for Government's intervention amidst recent heavy rains and floods

Respected Sir

Federation of All India Farmer Associations (FAIFA) is a non-profit organization representing the cause of millions of farmers of all crops across the States in India. FAIFA strives to project farmers' voice at regional, national and international level and work towards ensuring sustenance of stable livelihood of farmers.

Sir, with deep concern, FAIFA, on behalf of entire farming community of India, would like to bring to your kind notice regarding the unprecedented suffering of the people with the loss of lives and standing crops in the states due to the recent heavy rains and floods.

In the state of Andhra Pradesh, the disaster caused by the heavy rains due to depression in Bay of Bengal and also the floods in Krishna, Godavari along with several minor rivers and streams with heavy inflows from upper catchment areas made heavy loss to the farmers in across eight districts of the State.

It was officially reported that 14 people died, 8.42 lakh metric tonnes of production loss and Rs 2,494 crore of monetary losses during Kharif, while horticulture crop in 12,582.12 hectares suffered damage, causing an estimated loss of Rs 275.74 crore. It has been officially estimated that total state loss could be about Rs.4450 crores.

Sir, as per our available information, the preliminary crop damage details are given below. In the real time field level assessment, the crop damages will be higher side.

- Maize crops to an extent of 25,000 hectares suffered damage and the production loss was 1.13 lakh hectares with a monetary loss of Rs 209 crore.
- Cotton crop was damaged to an extent of 30,500 hectares with production loss of 0.54 lakh metric tonnes and monetary loss of Rs 297 crore.
- Paddy crop was damaged to an extent of 85,000 hectares with production loss of 4.33 lakh metric tonnes and monetary loss of Rs 801 crore.
- Groundnut production loss at 2.10 lakh metric tonnes and Rs 1,107 crore monetary loss.

- Losses of other crops including red gram, black gram, green gram and minor millets put together to an extent of 42,000 hectares were damaged with a production loss of 0.32 lakh metric tonnes and monetary loss of Rs 80 crore.

The horticulture crops also suffered losses (above 33 per cent), especially Chilli in extent of 3,199.22 hectares followed by banana in an extent of 2,540.88 hectares. Monetary losses for bananas were pegged at Rs 75.77 crore and for Chilli at Rs 74.31 crore. Onion to an extent of 781.26 hectares was damaged and the monetary losses were estimated to be Rs 11 crore. Turmeric to an extent of 1,846 hectares was damaged and the estimated losses were pegged at Rs 57.33 crore. Vegetables in extent of 2,365.43 hectares were damaged with estimated loss of Rs 27.24 crore.

Telangana state is also experiencing a similar situation. Over six lakh acres of cotton crop in the state, which were nearly ready to be harvested, were affected by the heavy rains, according to reports. Under the impact of rains crops were damaged in many districts such as cotton, paddy, maize and red gram were damaged, including inundation, on lakhs of acres across the State. Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao has said that the state has total suffered losses amounting to Rs 5,000 crore.

Sir, as you are aware, the urgency and speed with which the relief assistance extended is very critical to people in distress. In this connection, FAIFA requests you to direct the Cotton Corporation of India, FCI, Nafed etc., to extend full support by purchasing discolored Paddy, Cotton, Maize etc., and extend relief to the farming community. Also FAIFA further request you to send the Central team to conduct the field assessment and extend full support to the both States.

In this backdrop, as millions of farmers' and their families' lives are at stake, FAIFA, with folded hands, once again request you to kindly look into the matter with empathy and take steps on war footing basis to support the people in distress.

Thanking you in Anticipation,

Regards
For Federation of All India Farmers' Association [FAIFA]

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