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Press Release

States with Deficient Rainfall Plead Government to Take Steps to Avoid Precipitation of Crisis

- Agriculture and horticulture crops spread over 25,391.54 acres suffered damage due to rainfall
- Sowing in over 721.36 lakh hectares (lh), against 791.84 (lh) last year
- The crop damages expected to be on higher side in the real time field level assessment
- Appeals for immediate intervention of Central Government by taking steps which will not precipitate the crisis going forward.

New Delhi, 28 July, 2021: 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.

Most of the Indian agrarian economy depends on Monsoons. India gets around 70 percent of its annual rainfall during the southwest monsoon season and the important kharif crops like rice, pulses and oilseeds such as soybeans were planted in this monsoon. The rain pattern for this monsoon season has dipped which resulted in decline of kharif sowing crops. But the Torrential rains have lashed India's western coast, especially in Mumbai faced worst floods. As per mausam.usd.gov.in, Kerala, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, orissa has been severe rain deficient states this year"

Mr Javare Gowda, President of Federation of All India Farmer Associations (FAIFA) said "The rain pattern is low in this monsoon comparatively last year, the rains are not up to expected level and there is deficit in rainfall. It can impact negatively on farming, economy and inflation. As per IMD records till 19th Jul, 2021, there was normal rainfall in total 693 districts, there was deficit rainfall (42%) in 287 districts and 84 districts of Telangana, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka were recorded with heavy rainfall. On the other hand, in the states of Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Odisha and Rajasthan were recorded with above rainfall"

Mr. P S Murali Babu, General Secretary of Federation of All India Farmer Associations (FAIFA) stated with facts and figures, stated "The slowdown in southwest monsoon rains impacted dip by 10% compared to last year crop sowing area. The All India Crop Situation report dated 23rd Jul, 2021 was issued by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare shows sowing in over 721.36 lakh hectares (lh), against 791.84 (lh) last year. Some important crops coverage were reported compared to normal corresponding week (Average of last 5 years) follows:

Rice: About 207.65 LH corresponding week- 209.21 LH : 1.5 LH less

Pulses: About 87.30 LH, Corresponding week- 99.28 LH : 11.97 LH less
Coarse cereals: About: 110.85, Corresponding week- 133.34LH : 22.50 LH less
Oil seeds: About: 145.81, Corresponding week- 147.02LH : 1.21 LH less
Sugarcane: About: 53.86, Corresponding week- 50.24LH : 3.62 LH less

Yashwanth Chidipothu, National Spokesperson, Federation of All India Farmer Associations (FAIFA), said "Agriculture and horticulture crops spread over 25,391.54 acres suffered damage due to rainfall that occurred under the influence of southwest monsoon during the kharif season in Andhra Pradesh. Parts of Maharashtra have, in fact, reported very heavy rainfall, which has led to local administration evacuating people from low-lying areas. Farmers in most parts of the country are keeping their fingers crossed in the hope that good soil moisture will help them continue with their sowing operations.

He further opined "Since Sunday, most parts of peninsular India started reporting rainfall. In Maharashtra, rain pounded parts of Marathwada and Vidarbha, which has come as a great relief to farmers in the area. The district of Parbhani has reported a cloud burst like situation with various parts reporting over 150 mm rainfall in a matter of few hours. District collector Deepak Muglikar said an irrigation canal was damaged, which led to flooding in low-lying areas. Close to 200 families were evacuated with ongoing relief work"

He concluded by stating that "In the real time field level assessment, the crop damages will be higher side"

As we know that how Covid affected badly to our economy, now the deficit rainfall is going to impact negatively on the Indian economy and agriculture represents 15-18 percent of gross domestic product in Indian economy.

In this need of the hour, FAIFA urges the Honorable Policy Makers to pay attention to the extreme pain and injury that is being faced by the farmers and take steps which will not precipitate the crisis going forward.

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