



Assistance to Farmers affected by heavy rain and flood in Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar

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A total of 6 lakh 8 thousand 956 hectares area and 6 lakhs 89 thousand and 75 farmers are affected in Chhatrapati Shambhajnagar District due to heavy rain and flood in 2025-26, as has been informed by the Government of Maharashtra. Estimated economic value of crop damage is Rs.1695.01 crore. Government of Maharashtra has conducted survey of affected area and provided relief and compensation to the farmers. Total amount of Rs.56314.42 lakh has been sanctioned to the affected farmers. Additionally, assistance of Rs.10,000 per hectare, up to a maximum of 3 hectares, will be provided for seeds and other related inputs for the rabi season.

Further, 75.42 lakh hectares of farm area in the state of Maharashtra was affected due to hydro-meteorological disasters in 2025-26 (as per data received on 27.11.2025)

The primary responsibility for disaster management, including disbursement of relief assistance on ground level, rests with the State Governments concerned, as per the National Policy on Disaster Management (NPDM). The State Governments undertake relief measures in the wake of natural calamities, from State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) already placed at their disposal, in accordance with Government of India approved items and norms. The Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Governments and provides requisite logistics and financial support. Additional financial assistance is provided from National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF), as per laid down procedure, in case of disaster of 'severe nature', which includes an assessment based on the visit of an Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMCT).

The losses due to localized risks of hailstorm, landslide, inundation, cloud burst & natural fire and post-harvest losses due to cyclone, cyclonic/unseasonal rains & hailstorms are calculated on individual insured farm basis. Farmers are required to intimate the loss to the concerned insurance company, State Government, financial institutions/banks, online on National Crop Insurance Portal (NCIP) or PMFBY app etc. Government has periodically revised the Operational Guidelines of the PMFBY comprehensively to ensure that the eligible benefits under the scheme reach the farmers timely and transparently. Since the scheme is implemented by the State Government, therefore, in order to resolve the grievances/complaints including those related to claims of insured farmers, provision of Stratified Grievance

Redressal Mechanism viz. District Level Grievance Redressal Committee (DGRC), State Level Grievance Redressal Committee (SGRC) has been made in the Revised Operational Guidelines of the Scheme.

Further, the Central Government has undertaken development of National Crop Insurance Portal (NCIP) as a single source of data ensuring subsidy payment, co-ordination, transparency, dissemination of information and delivery of services including direct online enrollment of farmers, uploading/obtaining individual insured farmer's details for better monitoring and to ensure transfer of claim amount electronically to the individual farmer's Bank Account. In order to rigorously monitor claim disbursement process, a dedicated module namely 'Digicclaim Module' has been operationalized for payment of claims from Kharif 2022 onwards.

WINDS (Weather Information Network & Data System) and YES-Tech (Yield Estimation based on Technology) are two technologies used for Objective Crop Damage & Loss Assessment and transparency have also been implemented recently w.e.f. 2023-24 under the scheme.

This information was provided in a written reply to an unstarred question by the Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Shri Ramnath Thakur in the Lok Sabha today.

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