

Parliament Question: Impact Of El Nino on Agriculture In Maharashtra

Maharashtra Allocates ₹5,718 Crore SDRF Funds as Centre Prepares For El Niño Impact

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The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare is continuously monitoring the evolving monsoon situation and the possible impact of El Niño conditions on agriculture in close coordination with the India Meteorological Department (IMD), various Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) institutions, ICAR- Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture (CRIDA), Central Water Commission (CWC), Central Ground Water Board (CGWB), Mahalanobis National Crop Forecast Centre (MNCFC), the Department of Food and Public Distribution (DFPD), the Department of Fertilisers (DoF) and State Governments. Further, the Government has undertaken the following measures:

District Agriculture Contingency Plans (DACPs) have been updated for 14 States covering 342 Districts which are likely to receive below normal rainfall by the ICAR Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture (ICAR-CRIDA) in consultation with the States for implementation.

Interface meetings by ICAR have been conducted with 14 States, including Maharashtra, for operationalization of District Agriculture Contingency Plans (DACPs). Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) have also been issued by ICAR for Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) for mitigation of El Niño-related risks.

Special emphasis has been laid on promoting crop diversification, promotion of short-duration and drought-tolerant crop varieties, balanced use of fertilizers, water conservation practices, micro-irrigation, mulching, inter-cropping and practices of other climate-resilient technologies. Due to the delay as well as the likelihood on adverse impact of El Nino conditions, sowing is likely to be affected in respect of Tur, Soybean and Cotton and accordingly, the advisories to the farmers have been given to sow Maize, Bajra and Moong, and other short duration crops.

The State of Maharashtra has been allocated Rs.5718.00 crore (Central Share Rs.4288.50 crore & State Share Rs.1429.50 crore) under SDRF during 2026-27. The details of funds allocated and released to Maharashtra under SDRF and NDRF during 2021-22 to 2025-26 are as under:

(In Rs. crores)

Financial Year	Allocation under SDRF		Release of Central Share under SDRF	Release under NDRF
	Central Share	State Share		
2021-22	2577.60	859.20	2577.60	1056.39
2022-23	2706.40	902.40	2706.40	--
2023-24	2841.60	947.20	2841.60	--
2024-25	2984.00	994.40	2984.00	138.09*
2025-26	3132.80	1044.00	3132.80	322.21*

** for modernization of fire services*

Details of funds allocation under SDRF for the State of Maharashtra during 2026-27 to 2030-31 (under 16th Finance Commission) as provided by MHA is as follows:

(In Rs. Crores)

State	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	Total
Maharashtra	5718	6004	6304	6619	6952	31597

The Central Water Commission and State Governments have been advised to undertake advance planning for optimum utilization of reservoir water and promote efficient irrigation practices. Assistance to farmers is available through ongoing schemes such as Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana: Per Drop More Crop (PDMC) with a focus on enhancing water-use efficiency at the farm level through installation of Micro-Irrigation systems. Department of Rural Development is utilising Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin) (VB G Ram G) funds for rejuvenating water structures – such as farm ponds, check dams, canal desilting, and bori bandhans – to trap every drop of early or residual rainfall. Further, as part of the climate resilient agricultural practices, the Department is also implementing various Schemes viz. the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY), Kisan Credit Card (KCC), Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Integrated Scheme on Oilseeds Mission and other existing programmes across the country, including Maharashtra.

This information was given by Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Shri Ramnath Thakur in a written reply in the LOK SABHA today.

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