

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1371  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2009

**RAINFALL**

1371. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

- a) Whether it is a fact that rainfall during last monsoon has been erratic in many parts of the country while some other parts have experienced excessive rains;
- b) if so, the details thereof; and
- c) the target fixed for water harvesting and how far this target has been achieved during the season?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)  
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES,  
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, MINISTER OF STATE IN  
THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS AND MINISTER  
OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIMENTARY AFFAIRS  
(SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

- a) No Sir.
- b) The spatial distribution of southwest monsoon season rainfall for the period 1<sup>st</sup> June to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2008 was largely uniform with 31 out of 36 meteorological subdivisions recording normal rainfall. Only two (Punjab and Orissa) subdivisions recorded excess and three (West Madhya Pradesh, Vidarbha and Kerala) recorded deficient rainfall. The seasonal rainfall over the country as a whole was realized to be 98% of its Long Period Average (LPA). On the regional scale, the seasonal rainfall was 105% of its LPA over northwest India, 96% each over central and south peninsula and 97% of its LPA over northeast India.
- c) Rainwater harvesting is taken up in big way by the various government agencies and non-government agencies across the country to maximize the utilizable surface water and replenishable ground water potential beyond the available storage capacity.

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