



Gujarat announces ₹10,000 crore relief package for farmers affected by unseasonal rains

To compensate for crop damage due to unseasonal rains in Gujarat, the state government on Friday announced a historic ₹10,000 crore relief package for farmers, as per reports.

Announcing the package on X, CM Bhupendra Patel said, "The unprecedented monsoon rains of a kind that have not occurred in Gujarat in the past two decades caused significant damage to the crops of farmers in various districts." "In this hour of natural calamity, the state government stands fully empathetically by the side of the sons of the soil, understanding their distress. Keeping in mind the sentiments of the farmers in the face of the widespread damage to their crops across the state, I announce a relief-assistance package of approximately ₹10,000 crore," he said.

In addition, the state government is also going to purchase of groundnut, maize, pigeon pea (tur), and soybean worth more than approximately ₹15,000 crore at support prices from the farmers starting from November 9. Gujarat has been hit by unusually unseasonal rains this year, the likes of which have not been seen in the last two decades, causing major damage to the crops of farmers in various districts of the state. In this regard, I and my fellow ministers visited various districts and interacted directly with the affected farmers to understand their situation....

Bhupendra Patel (Chief Minister of Gujarat)

Unseasonal rainfall has caused widespread agricultural damage across Gujarat, affecting nearly 42 lakh hectares of farmland and impacting over 16,000 villages, according to government data. Crops such as groundnut, soybean, and paddy have suffered heavy losses, leaving farmers in financial distress. In several regions, standing crops were washed away due to unexpected downpours. Fields in parts of Saurashtra and central Gujarat remain waterlogged, raising concerns about the upcoming Rabi season. Preliminary surveys to assess crop loss are still underway in certain districts.

Before this, officials have been holding meetings at the state secretariat over the past few days to finalise the relief package.

Following a troublesome spell of unseasonal rainfall across the state, the Gujarat government announced the purchase of crops at Minimum Support Price (MSP) to provide relief to farmers on Thursday. "Due to the unexpected calamity of unseasonal rain, standing crops of many farmers across the state have been damaged. At such a time, the government is committed to standing with the farmers as their strength by providing financial assistance," posted Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel on Wednesday. "The state government has decided to procure farmers' harvested crops of groundnut, soybean, moong, and urad at the minimum support price (MSP). This procurement will begin on November 9," he added.