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- Heavy rain like conditions in many parts of Saurashtra and South Gujarat
- Heavy rains in districts including Junagadh, Jamnagar, Rajkot, which have large groundnut plantations
- The state government should make groundnut seeds available to the farmers

Monsoon started on time in Gujarat this year and due to this, kharif planting has also been good. However, due to more than normal rainfall in many parts of the state, there are fears of erosion especially in the groundnut crop. During this monsoon, heavy rain is falling in the districts including Junagadh, Jamnagar, Rajkot, Surendranagar in Saurashtra. In all these areas peanuts are grown more. According to the statistics of the Agriculture Department, groundnut has been planted in 15.84 lakh hectares in Gujarat so far. Out of which the maximum 12.53 lakh hectares has been planted in Saurashtra.

The Gujarat State Edible Oils and Oil Seeds Association has written to the state government indicating the possibility of widespread damage to the groundnut crop due to rains. Samir Shah, president of the association, said that farmers will plant other crops in the eroded areas and in this situation the production of groundnut may decrease. In such circumstances, the state government should encourage the farmers to plant groundnut again. Production will not be affected if the state government makes groundnut seeds available to farmers.

Most of the crops are planted in areas with heavy rainfall. In Saurashtra, Gujarat, districts including Junagadh, Jamnagar, Rajkot, Porbandar, Dwarka, Bhavnagar have received heavy to very heavy rain. Groundnuts are traditionally grown the most in these regions. During the month of July, flood-like conditions have occurred in these districts, due to which the farmers fear that the groundnut crop will be washed away. Groundnut has been sown in 12.53 lakh hectares in Saurashtra. Of these, 2.26 lakh hectares have been planted in Rajkot, 2 lakh hectares in Dwarka, 1.92 lakh hectares in Junagadh and 1.50 lakh hectares in Amreli. According to the statistics of the Meteorological Department, Rajkot has received 151% more rain than normal, Dwarka 187%, Junagadh 193% and Amreli 97%.

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