



PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

Sub:	Declaration of additional 23 taluks as drought affected for the Kharif 2026 season (assessment period 1 st June 2026 to 2 nd September 2026).
Ref:	1. Notification for undertaking Ground Truthing dated: 04.09.2026. 2. Decisions of the Cabinet Sub-Committee on Natural Disasters meeting held on 03.09.2026. 3. Integrated Drought Assessment by KSNDMC for the Period from 1st June to 11th September 2026. 4. Manual for Drought Management 2020.

Preamble:

Pursuant to the Drought Declaration Notification-I of even number dated 27th August 2026, 101 taluks were declared as drought-affected based on the integrated drought assessment and the findings of the Ground Truthing (GT) exercise. Of these, 89 taluks were categorised as severely affected and 12 taluks as moderately affected.

The dry spell has continued unabated, with the drought situation further deteriorating. As stated in the earlier notification, drought assessment is a continuous process and shall continue until the end of the South-West Monsoon season.

Accordingly, the Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre (KSNDMC) has undertaken a scientific assessment of the drought parameters prescribed under the Manual for Drought Management, 2020, for the period from 1st June to 2nd September 2026, covering the remaining 139 taluks. The assessment was placed before the Cabinet Sub-Committee on Natural Disasters, chaired by the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, as referred to at Sl.No.2 above, for consideration. Based on the KSNDMC Integrated Drought Assessment, comprising Trigger-1 (Mandatory Indicators) and Trigger-2 (Impact Indicators), total of 24 taluks had qualified for Step-3: Ground Truthing (GT).

Consequently, as per the notification referred to at Sl. No.1 above, GT was undertaken using Mobile application. GT covered 214 villages covering 24 taluks. The findings of the Ground Truthing exercise were shared with KSNDMC and incorporated into the Integrated Drought Assessment in accordance with the three-stage methodology prescribed under the Manual for Drought Management, 2020, comprising Stage 1 Mandatory Indicators, Stage 2 Impact Indicators and Stage 3 - Ground Truthing.

Based on the integrated assessment and the findings of the Ground Truthing exercise, 23 taluks have qualified for declaration as drought-affected and have been categorised as severely affected. As per Clause 3.4 of the Manual for Drought Management, 2020, the State Government shall declare drought through a notification clearly specifying the geographical extent and administrative units, such as taluks, and indicating the intensity of drought, i.e., Moderate or Severe. Hence, the following order.

GOVERNMENT ORDER NO: RD 586 TNR 2026 (PART-1),
BENGALURU, DATED: 17.09.2026.

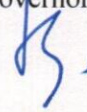
In the circumstances explained above, and based on the scientific assessment undertaken in accordance with the parameters prescribed under the Manual for Drought Management, 2020, sanction of the Government is hereby accorded for the declaration of additional 23 taluks, as detailed in the **Annexure**, as drought-affected for Kharif 2026. Of these 23 additional taluks, 21 taluks are categorised as severely drought-affected and 02 taluks as moderately drought-affected, as per the assessed severity of drought. The declaration shall take effect immediately from the date of this order and remain in force for a period of six months, unless revoked earlier by the State Government.

The Deputy Commissioners-cum-Chairpersons of the District Disaster Management Authorities of declared taluks are authorised to undertake necessary drought relief and response measures in accordance with the prevailing SDRF items and norms of assistance.

Further, the Commissioner Agriculture, Director Horticulture and the concerned Deputy Commissioners are directed to undertake a joint survey of crop loss in the drought-affected taluks and submit the assessment reports to the Government in the prescribed format forthwith.

It is reiterated that KSNDMC shall continue to undertake weekly assessment of drought conditions until the end of the Kharif 2026 season, in view of the possibility of further deterioration in crop conditions, particularly considering the below normal forecast for the month of September 2026. Accordingly, notifications for declaration of additional taluks as drought-affected will be issued from time to time during the Kharif 2026 season, as and when the taluks qualify based on the prescribed assessment process and Ground Truthing.

By Order and in the name of the
Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka



(Manoj Kumar Meena, IAS)
Relief Commissioner and
Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department
(Disaster Management, SSP and S&R).

To:

1) Deputy Commissioners cum Chairpersons District Disaster Management Authorities of drought declared taluks.

Copy to:

1. Chief Secretary to Government, Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru - for kind information.
2. Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, New Delhi - for kind information.
3. Additional Chief Secretary and Development Commissioner, Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru- for kind information

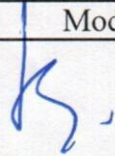
4. Additional Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs (DM Division) New Delhi - for kind information.
5. Additional Chief Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru - for kind information.
6. All Chief Secretaries / Principal Additional Secretaries / Secretaries to Government of Karnataka - for information.
7. Joint Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (M & T, DM, O & M/PG, RTI), New Delhi - for kind information.
8. PS to Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister and Revenue Minister - with a request to bring the matter to the kind notice of the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister.

Annexure to Government Order No: RD 586 TNR 2026 (Part-1),

Dated:17.09.2026.

List of Taluks Declared Drought - Affected, Categorised by Drought Severity.

Sl.No.	District	Taluk	Drought Category
1	Tumakuru	Tiptur	Severe
2	Koppala	Karatagi	Severe
3	Raichur	Manvi	Severe
4	Raichur	Sindhanur	Severe
5	Raichur	Sirivara	Severe
6	Kalaburagi	Afzalpur	Severe
7	Kalaburagi	Aland	Severe
8	Kalaburagi	Chittapur	Severe
9	Kalaburagi	Kalaburagi	Severe
10	Kalaburagi	Yadrami	Severe
11	Kalaburagi	Shahabad	Severe
12	Bidar	Bhalki	Severe
13	Vijayapura	Basavanabagevadi	Severe
14	Vijayapura	Babaleshwara	Severe
15	Vijayapura	Tikota	Severe
16	Haveri	Ratteeahalli	Severe
17	Dharwad	Hubballi	Severe
18	Dharwad	Navalgund	Severe
19	Dharwad	Hubballi Nagara	Severe
20	Dharwad	Annigeri	Severe
21	Chikkamagaluru	Kadur	Severe
22	Kodagu	Ponnampete	Moderate
23	Kodagu	Virajpet	Moderate


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