

## REDEFINED THE DROUGHT DECLARATION CRITERIA

GOI has revised the criteria for declaration of drought in the country based on research data of UAS(B) from last 7 years (2011-2017) and same thing has been updated in the “Drought Manual, 2016“

Sl. No.	Impact Indicators	Previous Impact Indicators	Revised Impact Indicators
1	Rainfall deviation	No change	
2	SPI	No change	
3	Crop Sown Area	If the sown area <50% of the normal by the end of July / August	The sown area <75% of the normal also to be considered as Severe Drought
4	Agricultural Drought based on PASM / MAI	PASM (%) and MAI (%): <25% for Severe Drought	PASM (%) and MAI (%): <50% for Severe Drought
5	Category of drought	3 of the above 4 Indicators are severe to declare "Severe Drought"	If 2 of the above 4 Indicators are severe to declare "Severe Drought"