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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2877

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21ST MARCH, 1997

REPORTS RELATING TO STARVATION DEATHS IN VARIOUS STATES

2877. SHRI RAMJI LAL:
SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
be pleased to state:

कृषि मंत्री

- (a) whether Government have received reports about incidents of starvation deaths in various States, especially in tribal areas;
- (b) if so, the State-wise number of starvation deaths reported during 1996-97; and
- (c) the measures taken to prevent the starvation deaths?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

कृषि मंत्री

(SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA)

(a): The State Governments have not reported any incident of starvation deaths during 1996-97.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): The following programmes are being implemented to alleviate poverty and provide food and nutrition security:-

- (i) Integrated Rural Development Programme;
- (ii) Employment generation programmes like Jawahar Rozgar Yojna and Employment Assurance Scheme;
- (iii) Public Distribution System for foodgrains and other supplies; and
- (iv) Nutrition Programmes.

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1634

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 4TH MARCH, 1997

GROUP INSURANCE SCHEME FOR FISHERMEN

1634. SHRI B.K. GADHVI:
SHRI P.S. GADHAVI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE कृषि मंत्री
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any Group Insurance Scheme has been introduced for the fishermen living in coastal areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether about 40,000 fishermen in coastal areas of Gujarat are entitled to be enrolled as members under the Scheme;
- (d) if so, whether about 10,000 fishermen have not been enrolled by the authorities and the Government of Gujarat had taken up this issue with the Union Government;
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor and the time by which all the eligible fishermen are likely to be covered under the scheme; and
- (f) if not, the manner in which the Government propose to cover the remaining fishermen under the scheme?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

कृषि मंत्री

(SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA)

(a) & (b): A centrally sponsored scheme for providing insurance cover to fishermen has been in operation since 1982-83. The scheme is, at present, applicable both to marine & inland fishermen who are licensed or registered as active fishermen with the State/UT Governments. From March, 97 the insurance cover under the scheme will be enhanced from Rs. 25,000/- to Rs. 35,000/- against death or permanent disability and from Rs. 12,500/- to Rs. 17,500/- against partial disability.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d) & (e): During 1995-96, the insurance coverage was extended to 37,838 eligible fishermen belonging to the State of Gujarat. During 1996-97, however, Central assistance to provide insurance cover to all the 40,000 eligible fishermen has already been released.

(f): Does not arise.

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RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1320

TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.03.1997

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO BHAGIRATHA PROJECT

1320. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government has submitted a proposal in February, 1996 for financial assistance for Bhagiratha river water project;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) the districts to be benefited as per the proposals ; and
- (d) the reasons for delay in sanctioning the project ?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES

(SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA)

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) to (d) Do not arise.

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RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1313.

TO BE ANSWERED ON 05-03-1997

ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE TO SUBARNAREKHA PROJECT

1313. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 3769 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 11th September, 1996 and state:

- (a) the additional Central assistance sought by the Government of West Bengal regarding Subarnarekha Project;
- (b) whether the same is being considered under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme launched by the Government of India; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES

(SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA)

(a) to (c) State Government of West Bengal had requested for Central Assistance for Subarnarekha Project under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme. However, the project did not satisfy the conditions laid down for giving assistance under the programme.

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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

R A J Y A S A B H A

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.11

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21ST FEBRUARY, 1997

LOSSES DUE TO LOW RAIN FALL IN GUJARAT

11. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
be pleased to state:

हृषि मंत्री

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that 90 percent of the crops have perished and livestock have to be shifted in Gujarat, particularly in Kutch district, due to very low level of rainfall during current year;

(b) if not, the facts and details regarding rains and droughts in this district during the above period;

(c) the details regarding amount of financial assistance allocated and actually released, so far, from Calamity Relief Fund for this purpose, particularly for this district; and

(d) whether any detailed report has been received by the Central Government from the State Government in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

हृषि मंत्री

(SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA)

(a) & (b): According to the information received from the Government of Gujarat, out of the 896 villages of 3 Talukas in Kutch district, the State Government have declared scarcity in 687 villages and semi-scarcity in 209 villages, due to deficient rainfall to the extent of 57% during the South-West monsoon, 1996.

(c): A Statement indicating the funds allocated and released to various districts of Gujarat from the Calamity Relief Fund for drought relief measures is enclosed.

(d): Government of Gujarat had submitted a memorandum detailing the extent of drought situation in various districts and the proposed relief measures. Government of India have already released Rs.104.70 crores during the current year as their share of Calamity Relief Fund to the Government of Gujarat.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT INDICATING FUNDS ALLOTTED AND RELEASED FROM THE CRF
TO VARIOUS DISTRICTS IN GUJARAT FOR DROUGHT RELIEF MEASURES

(RS. IN LAKHS)

Sr.No.	District	Funds allocated and released from CRF for drought
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1.	Ahmedabad	3.00
2.	Amreli	28.00
3.	Banaskantha	302.17
4.	Vadodara	--
5.	Kutch-Bhuj	2019.00
6.	Kheda	13.00
7.	Baruch	3.00
8.	Bhavnagar	298.00
9.	Surat	--
10.	Junagadh	30.00
11.	Jamnagar	178.00
12.	Sabarkantha	168.00
13.	Mehasana	4.44
14.	Valsad	1.00
15.	Surendranagar	98.29
16.	Rajkot	217.00
17.	Gandhinagar	--
18.	Panchmahals	383.00
19.	Dangs-Ahwa	--

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TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21ST FEBRUARY, 1997

CROP INSURANCE SCHEME

9. SHRI O.S. MANIAN:
PROF. RAM KAPSE:
SHRI N. THALAVI SUNDRAM:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
be pleased to state:

कृषि मंत्री

- (a) whether Government have decided to introduce a Crop Insurance Scheme for the whole country;
- (b) if so, by when;
- (c) the agency or company which will handle the scheme; and
- (d) if answer to part (a) be in the negative, whether Government would consider providing crop insurance to the State like Tamil Nadu which is prone to cyclone and floods?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

कृषि मंत्री

(SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA)

(a)to(d): A Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme (CCIS) has already been in operation in the country including in Tamil Nadu State since the Kharif 1985 season. It is voluntary in nature for the States to implement. The scheme is implemented through the General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC).

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RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1316.

TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.03.1997

MULTI BARRAGE PROJECT ON GODAVARI RIVER

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SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have explored a multi barrage project on Godavari River between Polavaram and Bhadrachalam in Andhra Pradesh ; and
- (b) by when this survey was done and the outcome thereof ?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES

(SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA)

(a)&(b) No such proposal has been received in Central Water Commission.

FISHERIES AND AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH INSTITUTES.

2881 SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
be pleased to state:

कृषि मंत्री

- (a) the total number of Fisheries and Agricultural Research Institutes set up in the country alongwith location thereof;
- (b) whether Government have a proposal to set up new Fisheries Research Institutes and Agricultural Research Centres in the Ninth Plan; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, including their locations, State-wise?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE.

कृषि मंत्री

(SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA)

(a) The total number of Research Institutes set up in the country are 8 in Fisheries and 82 in Agriculture including Animal Science. The location of these institutions is given in Annexe-I.

(b) & (c) : Madam, there is no proposal to establish new Fisheries Research Institutes in the Ninth Plan. However, relating to Agricultural Research Institutes/Centres, it is proposed to establish a National Facility for Plant Virus Research at Pune (Maharashtra) and a National Centre for Agriculturally Important Micro Organisms at New Delhi.

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**S.No. FISHERIES & AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH INSTITUTES IN
BUREAUX/NATIONAL RESEARCH CENTRES (N.R.Cs)/
PROJECT DIRECTORATES (P.Ds).**

I. FISHERIES	LOCATION
1. Central Institute of Brackishwater Aquaculture	Madras
2. Central Inland Capture Fisheries Research Institute	Barrackpore
3. Central Institute for Freshwater Aquaculture	Bhubaneshwar
4. Central Institute of Fisheries Technology	Cochin
5. Central Institute of Fisheries Education	Bombay
6. Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute	Cochin
7. National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources	Locknow
8. N.R.C. - Cold Water Fisheries	Haldwani
 II. AGRICULTURE INCLUDING ANIMAL SCIENCE	
1. Central Institute for Research on Cotton Technology	Bombay
2. Central Agriculture Research Institute	Port Blair
3. Central Arid Zone Research Institute	Jodhpur
4. Central Avian Research Institute	Izatnagar
5. Central Institute for Research on Goat	Makhdoom
6. Central Institute for Post Harvest Engg. & Technology	Ludhiana
7. Central Institute for Research on Buffalo	Hisar
8. Central Institute of Horticulture for North Plains	Lucknow
9. Central Institute of Agricultural Engineering	Bhopal
10. Central Institute of Cotton Research	Nagpur
11. Central Institute of temperate Horticulture	Srinagar
12. Central Plantation Crops Research Institute	Kasargod
13. Central Potato Research Institute	Shimla
14. Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture	Hyderabad
15. Central Research Institute for Jute & Allied Fibres.	Barrackpore
16. Central Rice Research Institute	Cuttack
17. Central Sheep and Wool Research Institute	Avikanagar
18. Central Soil & Water Con. Research & Training Institute.	Dehradun
19. Central Soil Salinity Research Institute	Karnal
20. Central Tobacco Research Institute	Rajahmundry
21. Central Tuber Crops Research Institute	Trivandrum
22. ICAR Res. Complex for Goa	Goa
23. ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region	Shillong
24. Indian Agricultural Research Institute	New Delhi
25. Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute	New Delhi
26. Indian Grassland & Fodder Research Institute	Jhansi
27. Indian Institute of Horticultural Research	Bangalore
28. Indian Institute of Soil Science	Bhopal
29. Indian Institute of Sugarcane Research	Lucknow
30. Indian Institute of Spices Research	Calicut
31. Indian Lac Research Institute	Ranchi
32. Indian Veterinary Research Institute	Izatnagar
33. Indian Institute of Pulses Research	Kanpur

34. Jute Technological Research Laboratory	Calcutta
35. National Academy for Agricultural Research Management	Hyderabad
36. National Bureau of Animal Genetics Resources & NIAG.	Karnal
37. National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources	New Delhi
38. National Bureau of Soil Survey & Land Use Planning	Nagpur
39. National Centre for Agriculture Economics & Policy Research.	New Delhi
40. National Dairy Research Institute	Karnal
41. National Institute of Animal Nutrition & Physiology	Bangalore
42. Sugarcane Breeding Institute	Coimbatore
43. Vivekanand Parvataiya Krishi Anusandhan Shala	Almora
44. Water Technology Centre for Eastern Centre	Bhubaneshwar
45. N.R.C. - Spices	Calicut
46. N.R.C. - Onion and Garlic	Godra(Nasik)
47. N.R.C. - Meat & Meat Product	Izatnagar
48. N.R.C. - Oilseed Palm	Eluru
49. NRC for Women in Agriculture	Bhubaneshwar
50. N.R.C. - Mithun	Nagaland
51. N.R.C. - Equine	Hisar
52. NRC - Biotechnology (Part of NDRI)	Karnal
53. NRC - DNA Fingerprinting	New Delhi
54. NRC - Pest Management	New Delhi
55. N.R.C. - Biotechnology (Crop Science)	New Delhi
56. N.R.C. - Cashew	Puttur
57. N.R.C. - Orchids	Tadong
58. N.R.C. - Banana	Trichy
59. N.R.C. - Weed Science	Jabalpur
60. N.R.C. - Rapeseed & Mustard	Bharatpur
61. N.R.C. - Camel	Jobner
62. N.R.C. - Yak	Dirang
63. N.R.C. - Arid Horticulture	Bikaner
64. N.R.C. - Soybean	Indore
65. N.R.C. - Grapes	Pune
66. N.R.C. - Groundnut	Junagadh
67. N.R.C. - Mushroom	Solan
68. N.R.C. Medicinal & Aromatic Plants	Anand
69. N.R.C. - Agro-forestry	Jhansi
70. N.R.C. - Sorghum	Hyderabad
71. N.R.C. - Citrus	Nagpur
72. N.R.C. - Agril. Economics & Research Policy	New Delhi
73. P.D. - Poultry	Hyderabad
74. P.D. - Biological Control	Bangalore
75. P.D. - Cropping System Research	Modipuram
76. P.D. Water Management	Patna
77. Project Directorate - Rice	Hyderabad
78. P.D. - Maize	New Delhi
79. P.D. - Vegetable	Varanasi
80. Project Directorate Oilseed	Hyderabad
81. Directorate of Wheat Research	Karnal
82. P.D. - Cattle	Meerut

N.R.C. - National Research Centre
P.D. - Project Directorate

RESEARCH UNDERTAKEN BY THE CENTRAL INSTITUTE OF FRESH
WATER AQUACULTURE, BHUBANESWAR.

2880 SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK:

Will the Minister of **AGRICULTURE**
be pleased to state:

कृषि मंत्री

- (a) the various research work undertaken by the Central Institute of Fresh Water Aquaculture (CIFA), Bhubaneswar, so far;
- (b) the number of scientists and scholars engaged in the research work;
- (c) the fund provided by Government to that Institute during the Eighth Plan and provision made for the Ninth Plan;
- (d) whether Government have any proposal to expand that Institute; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken in that direction?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE.

कृषि मंत्री

(SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA)

- (a) The following are some of the important research work undertaken by the Central Institute of Fresh Water Aquaculture (CIFA), Bhubaneswar so far:
 - i) Prolonged and multiple breeding of carps during pre-monsoon, monsoon and post monsoon seasons for seed availability throughout the year, by advanced gonadal maturation.
 - ii) High density seed rearing with spawn at 50 million/ha with 65-92% survival and fry at 5 million/ha with 70-75% survival.
 - iii) Production rate of 15 tonnes/ha/yr under intensive carp culture.
 - iv) Breeding, seed production and hatchery management of catfish under controlled conditions through environmental and hormonal manipulations and standardisation of hatchery designs.

- v) Broodstock development and hatchery management for giant freshwater prawn and riverine prawn.
- vi) Technology for culture of pearls and pearl images through implantation of nuclei in freshwater mussel.
- vii) Quantification of aquatic biofertilisation with Azolla to meet total nitrogen requirements of fish production.
- viii) Organic farming in aquaculture using biogas slurry as manure to produce fish and spirulina.
- ix) Diploid gynogenesis and polyploidy in the carps and stock improvement in rohu through genetic selection.
- x) Formulation of a chemical mixture, CIFAX, effective in controlling the Epizootic Ulcerative Syndrome (EUS) disease in fishes.
- xi) Development of polyvalent antigen (vaccine) for controlling Aeromonas infection commonly encountered in fish ponds.
- xii) Design and development of closed-loop recirculatory system and flow through system for intensive aquaculture.
- xiii) Cryopreservation of milt of indian major carps and testing the viability of the cryopreserved milt.
- xiv) Formulation and development of CIFACA feed for various stages of carps, catfish and prawn.

(b) The Cadre Strength of Scientists in CIFA is 78. Presently there are 23 research scholars in the Institute.

(c) The Budget of the Institute during the Eighth Plan period is:

PLAN	Rs. 854.77 lakhs
NON PLAN	Rs. 1071.96 lakhs

Allocations for the Ninth Plan have not been finalised as yet. However, the budget estimate of CIFA for the year 1997-98 are :

PLAN	Rs. 400.00 lakhs
NON PLAN	Rs. 115.00 lakhs

(d) No, Sir.

(e) The question does not arise.

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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2902

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21ST MARCH, 1997

SWAMINATHAN COMMITTEE REPORT

2902. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether Government have received the Swaminathan Committee Report;
- (b) if so, the main features of the report;
- (c) whether it is a fact that Government have identified the regions where productivity of foodgrains is below national level; if so, the names of the regions and the reasons of low productivity;
- (d) whether Government have now formulated any scheme for implementation in order to increase the productivity in these regions; and
- (e) if so, the details of such schemes and by when the schemes are likely to be initiated?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

कृषि मंत्री

(SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA)

(a): The Committee has not submitted its final report. However, Part Report No.1 in respect of North Eastern Region has been submitted on 15th February, 1997.

(b): The main features of the report are suggestions for bringing about convergence and synergy among numerous on going Government and non-government programmes in the areas of agriculture, agro industries, rural development and poverty alleviation by a vertical & horizontal integration of these programmes and promote the development & dissemination of eco technologies based on the blending of traditional wisdom and technologies with frontier technologies in the North Eastern Region.

(c): A statement giving the average productivity for triennium ending 1995-96 in respect of wheat, rice, pulses and other foodgrains (i.e. coarse cereals) for the States where there are lower productivity rates than the national averages, is annexed.

The main reasons for low productivity are attributed to the predominance of small & marginal holdings, low level of input use and less adoption of improved crop production technology and inadequate infrastructural facilities.

(d)&(e): For improving productivity the following Centrally Sponsored Schemes are being implemented:-

(i) Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Rice Based Cropping System Areas (ICDP - Rice);

(ii) Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Wheat Based Cropping System Areas (ICDP - Wheat);

(iii) Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Coarse Cereals Based Cropping System Areas (ICDP - Coarse Cereals); and

(iv) National Pulses Development Project (NPDP).

Through these schemes, assistance is being provided for the use of location specific high yielding varieties seeds including hybrids of Paddy and Coarse Cereals, improved farm implements, sprinkler irrigation sets, adoption of Integrated Pest Management, organisation of field demonstrations and training of farmers.

ANNEXURE TO RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2902
DUE FOR ANSWER ON 21.03.1997.

Average Productivity of Selected Crops for triennium ending 1995-96 for the State, where these are lower than the national average productivity levels.

(Kg./Hec.)							
Wheat:		Rice :		Pulses		Coarse Cereals	
State	Yield	State	Yield	State	Yield	State	Yield
ASSAM	1222	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	1102	ANDHRA PRADESH	423	ASSAM	610
BIHAR	2062	ASSAM	1345	ASSAM	534	GUJARAT	850
GUJARAT	2342	BIHAR	1323	GUJARAT	575	HARYANA	924
HIMACHAL PRADESH	1375	GUJARAT	1466	HIMACHAL PRADESH	303	MADHYA PRADESH	788
JAMMU & KASHMIR	1446	HIMACHAL PRADESH	1314	JAMMU & KASHMIR	532	MAHARASHTRA	869
KARNATAKA	735	MADHYA PRADESH	1152	KARNATAKA	420	ORISSA	779
MADHYA PRADESH	1661	MAHARASHTRA	1616	MAHARASHTRA	530	RAJASTHAN	466
MAHARASHTRA	1379	MEGHALAYA	1124	ORISSA	509		
RAJASTHAN	2230	MIZORAM	1530	RAJASTHAN	428		
SIKKIM	1801	NAGALAND	1315	TAMIL NADU	417		
UTTAR PRADESH	2422	ORISSA	1418				
WEST BENGAL	2324	RAJASTHAN	988				
		SIKKIM	1316				
		TRIPURA	1843				
		UTTAR PRADESH	1875				
		PONDICHERRY	1590				
ALL INDIA	2478	ALL INDIA	1885	ALL INDIA	586	ALL INDIA	936

Note : States having production less than 10,000 tonnes not considered.

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21ST MARCH, 1997

SCOPE FOR PROMOTION OF MARINE FISHING IN ORISSA

2901. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE कृषि मंत्री
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware of the vast scope for promoting marine fishing in Orissa;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by Government to assist the State Government to tap the fishing potential of that State; and
- (c) the schemes drawn up to promote marine fishing in Orissa and other coastal States in the Ninth Plan?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

कृषि मंत्री

(SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA)

(a)&(b): The harvestable potential of marine fisheries resources of Orissa has been estimated at 1.44 lakh tonnes per annum. During the years 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-1996 marine fish production was 1.04, 1.22 and 1.23 lakh tonnes respectively. Thus, there is some scope for promoting marine fishing in the State. Besides the schemes under the State Plan, the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation is implementing the following Centrally Sponsored Schemes during the Eighth Plan to tap the marine fishery potential:-

- i) Development of coastal marine fisheries comprising the components viz.
- (a) Motorisation of Traditional Craft.
 - (b) Introduction of Plywood Craft.
 - (c) Introduction of intermediate type of craft for offshore pelagic fishing, and
 - (d) Reimbursement of Central Excise Duty on HSD oil supplied to mechanised fishing vessels below 20 metre length.
- ii) Enforcement of Marine Fishing Regulation Act and Introduction of Artificial Reefs and Sea Farming.
- iii) Schemes for development of Fishery Harbours (major and minor ports) and Fish Landing Centres.
- iv) Development of model fishermen villages, group accident insurance and saving-cum-relief under the National Welfare of Fishermen Scheme.

(c): Ninth Plan Schemes have not yet been finalised.

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2621

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11TH MARCH, 1997

CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEMES IN ORISSA

2621. SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
be pleased to state:

कृषि मंत्री

- (a) the details of the new Centrally sponsored schemes for the development of agriculture being implemented and proposed to be implemented in Orissa particularly in Kalahandi and Nuapara districts during 1995-96 and 1996-97;
- (b) the details of achievements made thereunder during the said period, scheme-wise; and
- (c) the amount allocated and utilized for those schemes so far, scheme-wise?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

कृषि मंत्री

(SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA)

(a) to (c): Details of new schemes taken up for implementation in Orissa during 1995-96 and 1996-97 are given below:

	(Rs. in lakhs)	
	Amount released so far	Amount utilised
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1. Sustainable Development of sugarcane based cropping systems	32.25	10.00
2. Integrated seed development schemes	6.85	-
3. Streamlining of certified seeds production of vegetable crops.	1.05	-

Funds are not released district-wise.

As the funds have been released recently, the quantification of achievements will be possible only after some time.

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RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1317.

TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.03.1997

AMOUNT SPENT ON ONG IRRIGATION PROJECT IN
ORISSA

1317. SHRI SANATAN BISI:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES
be pleased to state:

- (a) the total amount spent till date on Ong Irrigation Project in Orissa;
- (b) whether any period has been fixed for completing the project; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof ?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES

(SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA)

(a) The expenditure upto March 1996 on Ong Stage-I and Ong Dam (Chiroli) in Orissa is Rs. 21.41 crores and Rs. 2.42 crores respectively.

(b)&(c) Ong Stage-I is in advance stage of completion and Ong Dam (Chiroli) is an unapproved project.

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1315.

TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.03.1997

EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE FOR IRRIGATION PROJECTS IN
ORISSA

1315. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK;

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some irrigation projects in Orissa are in the pipeline for external assistance;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) the progress of other irrigation projects which were started with external assistance; and
- (d) the steps taken to ensure adequate fund for the early completion of these projects ?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES

(SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) Rengali Irrigation Project is in the pipe-line for external assistance from Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund, Japan.
- (c) The details indicating the progress of ongoing externally aided projects in Orissa are as follows:

S. No.	Name of the Project	Assisting Agency	Date of Agreement	Date of Termination	Amount of Assistance	Utilisation as on 31.10.96
(in Donor Currency) (In Million)						
1.	Water Resources Consolidation Project	World Bank	19.12.95	30.9.2002	US\$290.9	US\$17.511
2.	Hydrology Project	World Bank	22.9.95	31.3.2002	US\$12.2	US\$4.003*
3.	Disaster Safety Assurance and Rehabilitation Project.	World Bank	10.6.91	30.9.1997	US\$48.9	US\$27.823*
4.	Water Irrigation Project	Germany	19.12.93	30.12.2020	DM 55	DM 11.753
5.	Indravati Project	CECF Japan	15.12.88	20.1.99	Yen 3744	Yen 1994.856

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6.	Upper Kolab Irrigation Project	OECP Japan	15.12.88	20.7.98	Yen 3769	Yen 2178.594
7.	Exploration and Management of Ground Water Project	Australia	31.7.92	31.7.98	US \$ 8.097	US\$ 6.140
8.	Minor Irrigation Project	EEC	11.7.95	31.12.2004	ECU12.70	Disbursement yet to start.

* Figures are for the multi-state Project as a whole.

Note: US \$ -- US Dollar
DM ---- Deutsche Mark
ECU----- European Community Unit

(d) Irrigation projects are planned, formulated, executed and funded by the State Governments out of their own budgetary resources. Central assistance is given in the form of block loans and grants not tied to any sector of development or to any project. Initial expenditure on externally-aided projects is incurred by the State Government and subsequently reimbursement obtained from donor agency. The concerned State(s) are to provide adequate budget provision to the respective externally assisted project(s) so as to ensure completion in given time.

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TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 4TH MARCH, 1997

FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE SCHEME

1685. SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE कृषि मंत्री
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are implementing various development schemes for the fisheries and aquaculture;
- (b) if so, the details of the schemes;
- (c) the progress of those schemes during the Eighth Five Year Plan, State-wise;
- (d) whether the same schemes would be implemented in Ninth Plan;
- (e) if so, the fund earmarked therefor; and
- (f) the details thereof?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

कृषि मंत्री

(SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA)

(a)&(b) :The following major central sector/ centrally sponsored schemes are being implemented for the development of fisheries and aquaculture in the State/Union Territories:

- (i) Development of Freshwater Aquaculture
- (ii) Intergrated Brackishwater Fish Farmers Development
- (iii) Development of Coastal Marine Fisheries
 - a) Motorisation of Traditional Craft
 - b) Introduction of Plywood Craft
 - c) Introduction of Intermediate Type of Craft for Offshore Pelagic Fishing
 - d) Re-imbusement of Central Excise Duty on High Speed Diesel(HSD) Oil used by Fishing Vessels below 20 m. length
- (iv) Enforcement of Marine fishing Regulation Act (MFRA) and Resource Enhancement through Introduction of Artificial Reefs & Seafarming Projects

- (v) Fishing Harbour facilities at Major Ports
- (vi) Provision of Fishing Harbour facilities at Minor Ports
- (vii) Assistance for strengthening of Inland Fish Marketing
- (viii) Welfare of Fishermen
 - (a) Group Accident Insurance
 - (b) Model Fishermen Villages
 - (c) Saving-cum-Relief
- (ix) Training & Fishery Extension
- (x) World Bank assisted Shrimp and Fish Culture Project
- (c) A statement showing the state-wise progress of various important items under the above schemes during the Eighth Five Year Plan is annexed.

(d) to (f): Most of the above schemes and some new schemes will be implemented during the Ninth Five Year Plan for the development of Fisheries and Aquaculture. The actual funds to be allotted for various fishery development schemes during the Ninth Five Year Plan have not been finalised.

S. No.	State	Area Covered under Fresh water Aquaculture (ha.)	Number of fish Farmers Trained for freshwater culture	Area covered under Brackish Fish culture (ha)	Number of Fish of Farmers Trained for Brackish water culture	Number of traditional craft sanctioned for motorisation.	Number of plywood craft sanctioned	Number of intermediate craft sanctioned	Number of mechanised vessels benefited by reimbursement of excise duty on HSD oil.	Number of patrol boats sanctioned	Number of artificial reefs sanctioned	Major Fishery harbours commissioned	Minor fishery harbours commissioned
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.
1.	Andhra Pradesh	5967	5042	593	1515	700	—	2	About	2	10	—	1
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	207	795	—	—	—	—	—	15000 to	—	—	—	—
3.	Assam	2157	7698	—	—	—	—	—	18000 shall	—	—	—	—
4.	Bihar	2415	2180	—	—	—	—	—	mechanised	—	—	—	—
5.	Goa	—	—	113	32	300	—	—	boats are	—	—	—	—
6.	Gujarat	15518	6209	410	163	200	—	4	benefited	—	—	—	1
7.	Haryana	8440	3682	—	—	—	—	—	per annum	—	—	—	—
8.	Himachal Pradesh	79	768	—	—	—	—	—	on an	—	—	—	—
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	1368	595	—	—	—	—	—	average.	2	—	—	1
10.	Karnataka	11095	3470	39	570	380	—	8	6	—	—	—	1
11.	Kerala	1571	3484	785	1497	2,100	120	5	—	—	—	—	—
12.	Madhya Pradesh	21023	7609	—	—	—	—	—	4	30	—	—	1
13.	Maharashtra	8042	4613	240	656	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
14.	Manipur	460	1020	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15.	Meghalaya	119	300	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
16.	Mizoram	141	255	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
17.	Nagaland	271	872	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
18.	Orissa	7490	9880	3758	1024	1,820	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
19.	Punjab	3094	4876	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	2
20.	Rajasthan	1468	3065	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
21.	Sikkim	49	576	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
22.	Tamil Nadu	7762	1407	1088	245	11,500	100	15	—	—	—	—	—
23.	Tripura	472	38833	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	1
24.	Uttar Pradesh	22872	26057	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25.	West Bengal	16580	18195	1191	2971	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
26.	A. & N. Islands	—	—	—	—	75	—	—	4	—	—	—	1
27.	Chandigarh	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
28.	Dadra Nagar Haveli	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
29.	Daman & Diu	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
30.	Delhi	—	—	—	—	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	—
31.	Lakshadweep	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
32.	Pondichery	36	351	—	—	120	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
		1,38,696	1,51,832	8,217	8,673	17,240	230	36	25	40	1	9	

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S. No.	State	Fish landing centres commissioned	Number of fish marketing units sanctioned	Number of fisher-men insured upto 1995-96	Number of model fishermen villages sanctioned	Number of beneficiaries of saving-cum-Relief component	Personnel trained under training & Extension	Demonstration-cum-training centres sanctioned	Reservoirs developed for fish culture under World Bank assisted project.	Sites being developed for shrimp culture under World Bank assisted project.
15.	16.	17	18.	19.	20.	21.	22.	23.		
1.	Andhra Pradesh	—	1	1,30,000	319	2,000	—	2	37	1
2.	Arunachal Prd.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3.	Assam	—	—	—	6	—	200	—	—	—
4.	Bihar	—	1	40,000	1	—	—	—	—	—
5.	Goa	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6.	Gujarat	3	1	—	4	—	30	2	—	—
7.	Haryana	—	2	—	—	—	116	1	—	—
8.	Himachal Prd.	—	1	3,694	—	—	90	2	—	—
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	—	2	—	10	—	100	2	—	—
10.	Karnataka	—	2	60,000	79	8,008	110	2	—	—
11.	Kerala	10	4	2,00,000	33	82,650	—	—	—	—
12.	Madhya Prd.	—	2	50,000	1	—	208	1	—	—
13.	Maharashtra	—	—	—	8	—	—	—	—	—
14.	Manipur	—	1	—	5	—	—	2	—	—
15.	Meghalaya	—	—	—	—	—	50	1	—	—
16.	Mizoram	—	1	—	—	—	60	1	—	—
17.	Nagaland	—	1	—	—	—	80	1	—	—
18.	Orissa	5	2	1,00,000	30	4,700	30	2	42	1
19.	Punjab	—	2	—	—	—	64	2	—	—
20.	Rajasthan	—	2	—	1	—	75	—	—	—
21.	Sikkim	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
22.	Tamil Nadu	5	1	2,67,623	36	1,59,000	—	—	—	—
23.	Tripura	—	—	8,888	14	—	9	1	—	—
24.	Uttar Pradesh	—	5	32,000	33	—	300	2	18	—
25.	West Bengal	1	2	1,52,380	3	—	120	1	—	4
26.	A. & N. Islands	—	—	3,000	—	—	—	—	—	—
27.	Chandigarh	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
28.	Dadra Nagar Haveli	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
29.	Daman & Diu	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
30.	Delhi	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
31.	Lakshadweep	—	—	290	—	—	—	—	—	—
32.	Pondicherry	—	—	17,000	4	9,280	—	—	—	—
TOTAL - 24		33	10,61,877	527	2,00,000	1642	25	87	6	

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1609

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 4TH MARCH, 1987

RICE PRODUCING AREAS OF ORISSA

1609. SHRI MURALIDHAR JENA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE कृषि मंत्री
be pleased to state the names of the rice producing areas in Orissa
particularly in the tribal and backward areas of the State?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

कृषि मंत्री

(SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA)

The rice producing areas in Orissa include all the districts having area coverage of varying degree. The names of tribal and backward rice producing areas include the districts of Balangir, Balasore, Ganjam, Kalahandi, Kandhamal (Phulbani), Keonjhar, Koraput, Mayurbhanj, Sambalpur and Sundergarh of the State.

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RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1943.

TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.03.1997

IRRIGATED AREA IN ORISSA

1943. SHRI SANATAN BISI:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES
be pleased to state: जल संसाधन मंत्री

- (a) the percentage of net irrigated area to total cultivable area in the State of Orissa and as compared to national average; and
(b) the details regarding the projects of Orissa included in the "Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme" during the year 1996-97 ?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES

(SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) जल संसाधन मंत्री

- (a) The percentage of net irrigated area to total cultivable area for the State of Orissa is 25.97% as against national average of 27.79%.
(b) Details regarding the projects of Orissa included in the "Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme" during the year 1996-97 are as under:

<u>Name_of Projects_</u>	<u>Central Loan Assistance Approved_</u> (Rs. in crores)
<u>Major Projects</u>	
1. Rengali Irrigation	15.00
2. Upper Indravati RBC	38.00
3. Subernrekha multipurpose Project	36.00
<u>Medium Projects</u>	
1. Anandpur barrage	3.10

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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 732

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 28TH FEBRUARY, 1997

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

732. SHRI IQBAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE कृषि मंत्री
be pleased to state:

- (a) the proposed allocation of funds for the development of agriculture in the country, particularly to Punjab during the year 1996-97, State-wise; and
- (b) the actual fund granted by the Government for the development of agriculture in the country, State-wise?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

कृषि मंत्री

(SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA)

(a) & (b): The Central Plan outlay for agricultural development in the country during the year 1996-97 is Rs.1487 crores. Funds are released to the States on the basis of proposals received and progress of expenditure under various Plan Schemes.

An amount of Rs.555 crores has been released for the development of agriculture in the country during the year 1996-97 till December, 1996. A Statement pertaining to State-wise funds released by the Government for the development of Agriculture during the year 1996-97 (upto December, 1996) is annexed.

STATEMENT

FUNDS RELEASED FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURE
DURING THE YEAR 1996-97

(Rs. in Crores)

S1. No.	Name of State	Amount Released during 1996-97 (Upto December, 1996)
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	57.29
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	2.79
3.	Assam	1.76
4.	Bihar	4.15
5.	Goa	1.30
6.	Gujarat	23.93
7.	Haryana	13.67
8.	Himachal Pradesh	6.84
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	8.70
10.	Karnataka	42.03
11.	Kerala	22.64
12.	Madhya Pradesh	45.46
13.	Maharashtra	73.64
14.	Manipur	6.98
15.	Meghalaya	1.40
16.	Mizoram	2.25
17.	Nagaland	3.54
18.	Orissa	22.18
19.	Punjab	18.95
20.	Rajasthan	69.64
21.	Sikkim	1.07
22.	Tamil Nadu	38.13
23.	Tripura	1.11
24.	Uttar Pradesh	72.57
25.	West Bengal	7.49
Total		554.53

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TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21ST FEBRUARY, 1997

PRODUCTION OF GROUNDNUT

14. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE कृषि मंत्री.
be pleased to state:

- (a) the States producing groundnut and the annual production of groundnut in these States during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;
- (b) whether the production of groundnut has declined during the current financial year;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details of steps taken to assist the groundnut growers for increasing the production thereof ?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

कृषि मंत्री

(SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA)

(a): The major groundnut producing States are Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh. The Annual Production of groundnut in these States during the last three years is given in Annexure I.

(b) & (c): The production of groundnut during the current financial year i.e. 1996-97 is estimated to be 91.2 lakh tonnes which is an all time high production of groundnut during the last three years.

(d): In order to increase the production of groundnut including other oilseeds, a Centrally Sponsored Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) is in operation in 22 States. The programme provides financial assistance for various critical inputs like production and distribution of seeds, distribution of minikits, rhizobium culture, gypsum/pyrites, improved farm implements, plant protection equipments, farmer's training, sprinkler sets etc. In addition, frontline and general demonstrations are organised on farmer's field to transfer the production technology.

ANNEXURE - I

ESTIMATES OF PRODUCTION OF GROUNDNUT

STATE	PRODUCTION ('000 Tonnes)		
	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
Andhra Pradesh	2545.7	1670.7	2426.2
Bihar	4.9	4.8	4.3
Goa	2.0	2.1	1.9
Gujarat	676.6	2380.1	1028.3
Haryana	1.7	1.8	1.7
Himachal Pradesh	0.4	0.4	0.4
Jammu & Kashmir	0.2	0.1	0.1
Karnataka	1198.9	945.5	1156.0
Kerala	9.5	12.8	12.5
Madhya Pradesh	275.0	214.3	290.6
Maharashtra	769.2	629.2	576.4
Nagaland	0.5	0.5	1.0
Orissa	114.0	98.2	92.3
Punjab	9.0	8.0	8.0
Rajasthan	209.3	197.5	163.6
Tamil Nadu	1865.6	1762.4	1911.6
Tripura	2.2	1.9	1.3
Uttar Pradesh	119.4	101.6	107.2
West Bengal	21.1	26.3	26.6
Pondicherry	3.7	3.4	3.6
ALL INDIA	7828.9	8061.6	7813.6

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L O K S A B H AUNSTARRED QUESTION NO.475TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 25TH FEBRUARY, 1997PRODUCTION OF PADDY

475. SHRI SOHANVEER SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
be pleased to state:

रुपि मंत्री

- (a) the names of major paddy production States in the country;
- (b) the production of paddy in each State during the last three years, year-wise; and
- (c) the targets fixed for production of paddy during the year 1997-98 in these States?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

रुपि मंत्री

(SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA)

(a)&(b): A statement giving the names of paddy producing States in the country along-with Statewise production of paddy during the last three years, i.e. 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96, is annexed.

(c): The target for production of paddy for the year 1997-98 has not been fixed by the Planning Commission so far.

ANNEXURE

STATEWISE ESTIMATES OF PRODUCTION OF RICE (TOTAL) DURING 1993-94,
1994-95 AND 1995-96.

('000 TONNES)

STATES	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
ANDHRA PRADESH	9562.0	9276.7	9194.8
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	144.0	105.8	140.0
ASSAM	3361.1	3309.1	3390.0
BIHAR	6100.5	6297.9	6910.9
GOA	137.8	133.0	128.1
GUJARAT	838.6	942.1	826.6
HARYANA	2057.0	2227.0	1860.0
HIMACHAL PRADESH	101.9	112.2	111.2
JAMMU & KASHMIR	507.0	584.7	508.5
KARNATAKA	3182.8	3167.5	3018.7
KERALA	1004.0	975.1	931.9
MADHYA PRADESH	5963.1	6463.0	5705.1
MAHARASHTRA	2484.4	2397.1	2562.8
MANIPUR	348.8	478.3	338.1
MEGHALAYA	117.8	111.5	118.9
MIZORAM	96.7	100.2	101.5
NAGALAND	180.0	174.0	185.0
ORISSA	6616.3	6353.2	6226.2
PUNJAB	7642.0	7703.0	6768.0
RAJASTHAN	143.1	173.2	117.6
SIKKIM	20.7	20.7	21.9
TAMIL NADU	6749.8	7562.8	7562.8
TRIPURA	493.2	413.9	465.5
UTTAR PRADESH	10210.1	10365.0	10408.1
WEST BENGAL	12110.9	12235.9	11887.0
A & N ISLAND	32.1	30.6	33.0
D & N HAVELI	21.9	27.6	24.1
PONDICHERRY	58.0	68.2	1.8
DELHI	2.9	1.8	2.9
DAMAN & DIU	1.8	2.9	67.1
ALL INDIA	80298.3	81814.0	79618.1

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3649

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 9TH MAY, 1997

RELAXATION OF GUIDELINES FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
TO THE STATES AFFECTED BY NATURAL CALAMITIES

3649. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
be pleased to state:

- कृषि मंत्री

- (a) whether there is any demand to relax the guidelines to provide financial assistance to the States affected by natural calamities, like cyclone, drought, flood, etc.;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken by Government in this regard ?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

कृषि मंत्री

(SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA)

(a): The present pattern of providing financial assistance to the States for handling natural calamities is based on the recommendations of the Tenth Finance Commission. No request has been received for any change in the pattern.

(b) & (c): Do not arise.

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L O K S A B H A

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5957

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 13TH MAY, 1997

CENTRE FOR DISASTER MANAGEMENT

5957. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
be pleased to state:

कृषि मंत्री

- (a) whether the Government have received any proposal from the Assam Government for the establishment of a Centre for the Disaster Management in Tezpur University, Assam;
- (b) if so, the decision of the Government thereon;
- (c) whether any budgetary provision has been made for the purpose for 1997-98; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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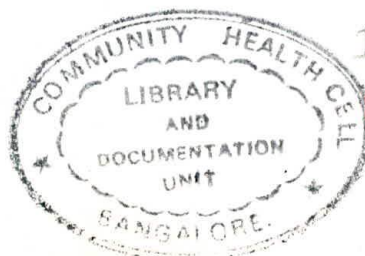
THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

कृषि मंत्री

(SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA)

- (a): A proposal was received from the Tezpur University for setting up a Faculty of Natural Disaster Management in the University.
- (b): In consultation with the Government of Assam a Faculty of Natural Disaster Management has been sanctioned in the Tezpur University from the last financial year.
- (c): Yes, Sir.
- (d): Does not arise.

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L O K S A B H A

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.6004

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 13TH MAY, 1997

LIFE SAVING DEVICES FOR FISHERMEN

6004. SHRI YELLAIAH NANDI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE कृषि मंत्री
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have initiated a proposal with a Rome based organisation to finance a pilot project to provide sophisticated gadgets to the fishermen in India as life saving devices during the cyclones;
- (b) if so, the details of the project along with the details of various life saving devices proposed to be provided to the fishermen; and
- (c) the details of the foreign Investment amount involved in this project?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

कृषि मंत्री

(SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA)

(a)to(c): A Project under the Technical Cooperation Programme of the food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations entitled "Training in the Sea Safety Development Programme" has been approved for implementation in the coastal areas of East Godavari Districts of Andhra Pradesh with an outlay of US \$ 316000. This pilot project has provision for setting up of a transceiver, installing shore to boat communication system on fishing vessels, safety equipments, outboard motors and life saving devices such as life jackets and life buoys for selected beneficiaries.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

STARRED QUESTION NO.493

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 9TH MAY, 1997

COMPENSATION TO CYCLONE-HIT FISHERMEN OF ANDHRA PRADESH

*493. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE कृषि मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the fishermen of Andhra Pradesh have sought immediate compensation for those who lost their lives in cyclone in November, 1996; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government on that plea?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

कृषि मंत्री

(SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA)

(a): Yes, Sir. There is a demand for payment of exgratia relief to the families of those fishermen who are still reported to be missing.

(b): The Government of Andhra Pradesh have already paid exgratia assistance at the rate of Rs.1.00 lakh per person to the families of 192 fishermen who died in the cyclone of November, 1996. Out of the remaining cases, the State Government have now decided to treat 1279 missing fishermen as dead and give financial assistance to their families.

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TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 13TH MAY, 1997

WORLD BANK ASSISTANCE TO A.P.

5781. SHRI G.A. CHARAN REDDY:
DR. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE कृषि मंत्री
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the World Bank has sanctioned financial assistance for the execution of the reconstruction works in East Godavari District which was badly hit by the cyclone in November, 1996;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any concrete programme of action has been prepared for the proper utilisation of the said amount;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the total amount out of this likely to be spent on roads development;
- (f) whether NABARD has also provided loan to the Andhra Pradesh Government for repairing of the roads; and
- (g) if so, the places where this amount likely to be spent for repairing of the roads ?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

कृषि मंत्री

(SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA)

(a) & (b): Government of India has recently negotiated with the World Bank the Andhra Pradesh Hazard Mitigation and Emergency Cyclone Recovery Project with an assistance of US \$150 million. Restoration of the public infrastructure affected by the cyclones of October and November, 1996 including the East Godavari District has been provided in the project.

(c) & (d): The assistance under the Project will be utilised for restoring the public infrastructure affected by the cyclone during October and November, 1996, preparing and implementing a long term natural hazard management programme, and enhancing early warning capabilities for cyclone and wind forecasting in Andhra Pradesh.

(e): An allocation of Rs.209.00 crores has been provided under the Project for State and rural roads.

(f): No, Sir.

(g): Does not arise.

L O K S A B H A

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4750

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6TH MAY, 1997

COMPENSATION TO CYCLONE VICTIMS

4750. SHRI S.RAMACHANDRA REDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
be pleased to state:

कृषि मंत्री

(a) whether the fishermen of Andhra Pradesh have sought immediate compensation for those who lost lives in Cyclone in November, 1996; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government on their request/demand?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

कृषि मंत्री

(SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA)

(a): Yes, Sir. There is a demand for payment of exgratia relief to the families of those fishermen who are still reported to be missing.

(b): The Government of Andhra Pradesh have already paid exgratia assistance at the rate of Rs. 1.00 lakh per person to the families of 192 fishermen who died in the cyclone of November, 1996. Out of the remaining cases, the State Government have now decided to treat 1279 missing fishermen as dead and give financial assistance at the above rates to their families.

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L O K S A B H A

STARRED QUESTION NO.438

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6TH MAY, 1997

FUNDS FOR DROUGHT

*438. SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT:
SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
be pleased to state:

कृषि मंत्री

- (a) whether the Government have made allocation for the current financial year for the States where drought situation is prevailing;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Central Government have sought any details from the State Governments as to the manner in which the fund is likely to be spent in such States; and
- (d) if so, the response of the State Government's thereto?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

कृषि मंत्री

(SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.438 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6TH MAY, 1997 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a) & (b): According to the information received from the State Governments, drought conditions in varying degrees prevail in some parts of the States of Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Orissa. The following funds have been allocated in the Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) of these States during 1997-98:-

State	Amount (Rs. in Crores)
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1. Gujarat	147.31
2. Madhya Pradesh	53.89
3. Maharashtra	71.97
4. Orissa	51.72

For the CRF, 75% of the funds are to be given by the Central Government in four quarterly instalments. The first quarterly instalment has already been released to these States.

(c) to (d): As recommended by the Tenth Finance Commission. Government of India have laid down the items and norms for relief measures that can be undertaken by the State Governments using the corpus of the Calamity Relief Fund. The State Governments are competent to decide on the appropriate relief measures and incur necessary expenditure in accordance with the above norms.

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TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 9TH MAY, 1997

AD-HOC ASSISTANCE TO THE DROUGHT -HIT AREAS OF KALAHANDI

3660. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:
SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
be pleased to state:

कृषि मंत्री

(a) whether it is a fact that the former Prime Minister during his visit to the worst-affected prockets of drought-hit Kalahandi in November last year had promised an immediate ad-hoc assistance of Rs.50 crores; and

(b) if so, the details of the assistance given on this account, so far?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

कृषि मंत्री

(SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA)

(a) & (b): After the Prime Minister visited the drought-affected areas in Orissa on 13th November, 1996 he had announced that Rs.50.00 crores would be made available for undertaking relief measures. Rs.30.00 crores was made available under the Employment Assurance Programme and Rs.8.00 crores was sanctioned under Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme. Following the assessment of the drought situation by the Central Team and on the recommendation of the National Calamity Relief Committee Rs.13.00 crores was sanctioned from the National Fund for Calamity Relief and paid on 1st Jan., 1997. Subsequently, an additional Rs.37.00 crores has been made available from the NFCR on the recommendations of the NCRC on 17th March, 1997.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

R A J Y A S A B H A

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4432

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 16TH MAY, 1997

REPORT OF THE NHRC ON STARVATION DEATHS IN ORISSA

4432. SHRI SANATAN BISI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE कृषि मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has
submitted its report regarding starvation deaths in Orissa; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

कृषि मंत्री

(SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

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TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 16TH MAY, 1997

ALLOCATIONS FOR THE DROUGHT-HIT STATES

4435. DR. MOHAN BABU:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
be pleased to state:

कृषि मंत्री

- (a) whether Government have made allocations for the current financial year for the States where drought situation is prevailing;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government have sought any details from the State Governments as to the manner in which the fund is likely to be spent in those States; and
- (d) if so, the response of the State Governments thereto?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

कृषि मंत्री

(SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA)

(a)&(b): According to the information received from the State Governments, drought conditions in varying degrees prevail in some parts of the States of Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Orissa. The State Governments have a Calamity Relief Fund (CRF), 75% of which is contributed by the Central Government in four quarterly instalments. The CRF of these States for the year 1997-98 is as follows:-

<u>State</u>	<u>Amount</u> (Rs. in crores)
1. Gujarat	147.31
2. Madhya Pradesh	53.89
3. Maharashtra	71.97
4. Orissa	51.72

The Central Government has already released 2/3rd of the first quarterly instalment taking into account the fact that the Vote on Account had provided for 1/6th of the annual allocation.

(c)&(d): As recommended by the Tenth Finance Commission, the Government of India have laid down the items on which expenditure can be incurred for relief measures undertaken by the State Governments using the corpus of the CRF. The State Governments have laid down the norms of expenditure on relevant items and the Central Government has approved the norms with such modification as required to bring them reasonably in line with the all India position. The State Governments are competent to decide on the relief measures required in a particular situation and incur necessary expenditure in accordance with the norms. In accordance with the practice in vogue all such expenditures are subject to audit.

J.I.H.

L O K S A B H A

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4795

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6TH MAY, 1997

LOSS DUE TO RAIN

4795. SHRI DHIRENDRA AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
be pleased to state:

कृषि मंत्री

(a) whether the Government have estimated the loss suffered to the standing crops in various States due to unseasonal rain in March-April, 1997;

(b) if so, the names of affected States and the details of losses suffered by them, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government are considering to provide some financial assistance as compensation to the affected farmers; and

(d) if so, the amount likely to be given for the purpose, State-wise ?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

कृषि मंत्री

(SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA)

(a)&(b): In the pre-monsoon season the country normally receives an average rainfall of 26 mm in March and 36 mm in April. Hence rains during this period are not unseasonal. According to the reports received from the State Governments, the rains and hailstorms in some places during March-April, 1997 damaged a cropped area of about 70,000 ha. in Andhra Pradesh and 4600 ha. in Uttar Pradesh. Some damage to cropped area has occurred in the States of Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan also, the exact extent of which has not been reported.

(c)&(d): While it is not the practice to provide compensation to those affected by natural calamities, the State Governments provide necessary assistance to the affected farmers using the annual allocation of the Calamity Relief Fund (CRF). The annual allocation of the CRF is given in the statement at Annexure.

ANNEXURE

(RS. IN CRORES)

S.No.	State	Calamity Relief Fund Allocation for 1997-98
1.	Andhra Pradesh	131.15
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	7.43
3.	Assam	52.77
4.	Bihar	54.83
5.	Goa	1.13
6.	Gujarat	147.31
7.	Haryana	26.44
8.	Himachal Pradesh	28.44
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	20.79
10.	Karnataka	44.16
11.	Kerala	58.47
12.	Madhya Pradesh	53.89
13.	Maharashtra	71.97
14.	Manipur	2.61
15.	Meghalaya	2.95
16.	Mizoram	1.33
17.	Nagaland	1.80
18.	Orissa	51.72
19.	Punjab	57.15
20.	Rajasthan	188.93
21.	Sikkim	4.97
22.	Tamil Nadu	62.63
23.	Tripura	4.75
24.	Uttar Pradesh	132.03
25.	West Bengal	54.16
TOTAL		1263.71

L O K S A B H A

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4890

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6TH MAY, 1997

STARVATION DEATHS IN ORISSA

4890. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
be pleased to state:

कृषि मंत्री

- (a) the estimated/reported starvation deaths in severe drought hit areas in the State of Orissa;
- (b) whether such cases were also referred to the Human Rights Commission;
- (c) if so, the number of cases referred and inquired into; and
- (d) the findings thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

कृषि मंत्री

(SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA)

(a): No report has been received from the Government of Orissa about any starvation death in the State.

(b) to (d): Government of India have requested the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) to enquire into the reports of starvation deaths in the State. The Commission has not yet submitted its report in the matter.

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L O K S A B H A
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5861
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 13TH MAY, 1997

CROP INSURANCE SCHEME

5861. SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH CHAUHAN:
 SHRI THAWAR CHAND GEHLOT:
 DR. ARVIND SHARMA:
 SHRI DHIRENDRA AGARWAL:
 SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI:
 SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE कृषि मंत्री
 be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of States where Crop Insurance Scheme is being implemented at present;
- (b) the economic and physical targets set under the scheme during the Eighth Five year Plan and the achievement made so far in this regard State-wise;
- (c) the number of persons benefited under the scheme during the said period, year-wise and State-wise;
- (d) whether some States have still not implemented the scheme even after certain modifications;
- (e) if so, the names of those States and the reasons therefor;
- (f) whether the Government propose to make it obligatory for all the States to implement the scheme during the Ninth Five Year Plan; and
- (g) if not, the reasons therefor and if so, the time by which the scheme is likely to be implemented in all the States?

A N S W E R
 THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

कृषि मंत्री

(SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA)

(a)&(b): The Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme (CCIS) is presently implemented in 15 States and 2 Union Territories. The names of States/U.Ts. are given below:-

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|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 1. Andhra Pradesh | 5. Goa | 9. Maharashtra | 14. Tripura |
| 2. Assam | 6. Himachal Pradesh | 10. Madhya Pradesh | 15. West Bengal |
| 3. Bihar | | 11. Meghalaya | 16. A & N Island |
| 4. Gujarat | 7. Karnataka | 12. Orissa | 17. Pondicherry |
| | 8. Kerala | 13. Tamil Nadu | |

State-wise targets under the CCIS are not fixed because indemnity claims are become payable only if there is a natural calamity and yield loss in the defined area. The funds released by the Govt. of India during the VIIIth Five Year Plan are given below:

(Rs. in crores)	
1992-93	30.00
1993-94	61.40
1994-95	106.00
1995-96	36.30
1996-97	110.42

(c): A statement indicating State-wise details of number of persons benefitted under CCIS during the VIIIth Plan period is annexed.

(d)&(e): Some States have not joined the scheme in view of relative stability in the agriculture yield and also because they find it unattractive on account of limited coverage of risk, crops etc. Names of States/U.Ts. which have not joined/opted out of the scheme are as under:-

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| 1. Punjab | 6. Nagaland |
| 2. Haryana | 7. Rajasthan |
| 3. Sikkim | 8. Delhi |
| 4. Mizoram | 9. Jammu & Kashmir |
| 5. Arunachal Pradesh | 10. Uttar Pradesh |

(f)&(g): There is no proposal to make the CCIS compulsory for the States because they may not like to accept it.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT SHOWING STATE-WISE DETAILS OF NUMBER OF PERSONS
BENEFITTED UNDER COMPREHENSIVE CROP INSURANCE SCHEME (CCIS)
DURING THE VIIIITH PLAN

Sl. No.	STATE/U.Ts	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97*
1.	Andhra Pradesh	182871	81041	211121	163964	
2.	Assam	1636	114	383	71	
3.	Bihar	96995	15075	3909	34409	
4.	Gujarat	18361	493763	68892	384318	
5.	Goa	115	78	1291	82	
6.	Himachal Pradesh	782	391	388	8	
7.	Karnataka	24915	19407	13580	48981	
8.	Kerala	4685	13500	15071	5841	
9.	Maharashtra	24897	21542	251878	130250	
10.	Madhya Pradesh	86858	20650	103642	247586	
11.	Meghalaya	776	155	311	194	
12.	Orissa	87199	20398	81879	109243	
13.	Tamil Nadu	38494	80795	14394	46775	
14.	Tripura	NIL	NIL	306	NIL	
15.	West Bengal	37598	41037	59160	112887	
16.	A & N Islands	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	
17.	Pondicherry	299	1495	NIL	NIL	
Total:		606481	809441	826211	1284609	

* Data for 1996-97 not available.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

STARRED QUESTION NO.486

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 9TH MAY, 1997

REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CROP INSURANCE SCHEME

*486. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE कृषि मंत्री
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have reviewed the implementation of the Crop Insurance Scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the names of districts in each State where Crop Insurance Scheme was started during 1995-96;
- (d) the funds provided by Government for the scheme during the last three years, State-wise;
- (e) the present coverage of the scheme in terms of area, farmers and crops in various States, State-wise; and
- (f) the extent of expansion of the scheme proposed during the current year and during the next three years and funds provided for the purpose, State-wise ?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

कृषि मंत्री

(SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.486 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 9TH MAY, 1997 IN THE RAJYA SABHA.

(a)to(f): A Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme (CCIS) covering cereals, oilseeds and pulses crops has been in operation since kharif 1985 season. It covers all the farmers availing institutional loans for the production of insured crops. The insured crops are as shown in Appendix-I. A statement showing State-wise details of area and farmers covered under the CCIS during the last three years is annexed. (Appendix-II).

The scheme has been reviewed with a view to covering non-loanee farmers and to reduce the unit area. A decision has been taken to introduce a Pilot Crop Insurance Scheme (PCIS) in 25 districts of 9 States. A statement showing names of the States and districts where the PCIS is to be implemented is annexed. (Appendix-III). Under the PCIS also the same crops as in the CCIS, which are shown in Appendix-I are proposed to be covered.

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APPENDIX-I

STATEMENT SHOWING STATE-WISE COVERAGE OF COMPREHENSIVE CROP
INSURANCE SCHEME IN TERMS OF AREA, FARMERS & CROPS DURING
Kharif 1996.

<u>S.NO.</u>	<u>STATE/U.Ts.</u>	<u>AREA COVERED (IN HECT.)</u>	<u>NO. OF FARMERS BENEFITTED</u>	<u>CROPS COVERED</u>
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1926675	956031	1. Korra 2. Paddy 3. Jowar 4. Maize 5. Bajra 6. Ragi 7. B.Gram 8. G.Gram 9. H.Gram 10. Groundnut 11. Sesamum 12. Castor 13. R.Gram
2.	Andaman & Nicobar	375	228	1. Paddy (LV) 2. Paddy (HYV)
3.	Assam	147	131	1. ATM Paddy 2. WTR Paddy
4.	Bihar	95408	90100	1. Paddy 2. Maize
5.	Gujarat	8605683	854233	1. Paddy 2. Maize 3. Bajra 4. Tur 5. Groundnut 6. Ragi
6.	Goa	2665	1215	1. Paddy 2. Pulses 3. Groundnut
7.	Himachal Pr.	240	256	1. Paddy 2. Maize
8.	Karnataka	469382	279867	1. Paddy 2. Maize 3. Jowar 4. Tur 5. Groundnut 6. Sunflower 7. Bajra 8. Ragi

9.	Kerala	14306	14295	1. Paddy
10.	Maharashtra	1180808	993435	1. Sesamum 2. Paddy 3. Bajra 4. Jowar 5. Groundnut 6. Tur 7. Sunflower 8. Niger
11.	Madhya Pradesh	2069161	906273	1. Groundnut 2. Paddy 3. Jowar 4. Bajra 5. Maize 6. Kodukutki 7. Tur 8. Soyabean 9. Sesamum
12.	Meghalaya	1530	805	1. Adu Paddy 2. Sali Paddy
13.	Orissa	172154	168247	1. Paddy 2. Groundnut
14.	Tamil Nadu	31481	16476	1. Paddy 2. Jowar 3. Bajra 4. Ragl 5. Groundnut 6. Gingelly
15.	Pondicherry	381	239	1. Paddy
16.	Tripura	54	41	1. Aus Paddy 2. Aman Paddy
17.	West Bengal	212099	360204	1. Paddy
TOTAL:		<u>14783549</u>	<u>4642076</u>	

Appendix-II

Statement showing state-wise details of
area and farmers covered under the CCIS
during the last three years

COVERAGE OF AREA & FARMERS FROM 1993-94 ONWARDS FOR VARIOUS STATES UNDER CCIS.							
SR.NO	STATE/UNION TERRITORIES	1993-94		1994-95		1995-96	
		TOTAL NO. OF FARMERS	AREA COVERED (IN HECTARES)	TOTAL NO. OF FARMERS	AREA COVERED (IN HECTARES)	TOTAL NO. OF FARMERS	AREA COVERED (IN HECTARES)
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	891279	1443934.00	1007179	1700489.00	1062739	1833377.00
2	ASSAM	2070	940.63	1290	650.56	301	258.76
3	BIHAR	138636	149642.20	60916	67650.12	138896	147927.14
4	GOA	1624	3826.97	1501	2906.91	1403	3367.14
5	GUJARAT	785348	1535117.00	860019	1739828.00	854581	1674141.00
6	HIMACHAL PRADESH	801	917.80	1119	1424.30	1024	1536.33
7	JAMMU & KASHMIR	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
8	KARNATAKA	201031	338041.20	228083	404021.61	338512	560058.87
9	KERALA	34708	36089.35	34402	33697.64	33303	33885.75
10	MANIPUR	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
11	MADHYA PRADESH	850069	2056651.11	1003234	2395073.00	1035745	2371665.00
12	MAHARASHTRA	1195394	1526399.48	1149472	1314078.79	1043815	1250908.67
13	MEGHALAYA	1676	2255.27	901	1463.68	1127	1755.84
14	ORISSA	274846	324992.60	107287	93437.85	403992	514724.78
15	RAJASTHAN	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
16	TAMILNADU	227859	389077.27	241803	206940.29	172168	358477.28
17	TRIPURA	272	217.00	1376	732.43	1113	828.00
18	UTTAR PRADESH		0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
19	WEST BENGAL	439072	255506.00	486185	289221.61	365215	185522.00
20	ANDAMAN & NICOBAR	313	673.73	314	670.34	0	0.00
21	DELHI		0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
22	PONDICHERRY	2257	13152.32	2117	9509.13	1730	3145.61
	TOTAL	5047155	8077333.83	5187198	8244785.26	5440663	8941579.19
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APPENDIX-II/7

List of States/Districts identified for the
implementation of the proposed pilot scheme.

<u>S.No.</u>	<u>Name of State</u>	<u>Name of districts</u>
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Prakasam Mahabub Nagar
2.	Tamil Nadu	Nagapattanam Tiruvarur Pannirselvam
3.	Orissa	Bolangir Kalahandi Naupada Kendrapara Jajpur
4.	Madhya Pradesh	Bastar Sarguja
5.	Bihar	Sitamari Darbangha Madhubani Samastipur Khagaria Palamau Vaishali
6.	Maharashtra	Amaravati
7.	Assam	Nagaon N. Lakimpur Dhemaji Nalbari
8.	Karnataka	Bijapur
9.	Rajasthan	Jnunjunu

Total No. of Districts 25

L O K S A B H A

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5982

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 13TH MAY, 1997

FREE INSURANCE COVERAGE

5982. SHRI N.K. PREMCHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
be pleased to state:

कृषि मंत्री

- (a) whether the Government of Kerala has submitted any proposal to formulate a scheme for providing a free insurance coverage to the agricultural crops;
- (b) if so, whether the Government are considering to subscribe free premium for the crop insurance;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

कृषि मंत्री

(SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA)

(a): No, Sir.

(b) to (d): Do not arise.

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TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 16TH MAY, 1977

DAIRY AND LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT IN ORISSA

*590 SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH :

Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
be pleased to state: पशुमालन एवं डेयरी मंत्री

(a) whether Government are aware that Orissa has tremendous scope for the growth of dairy and livestock;

(b) whether Government have any scheme/proposal to develop the same, keeping in view the international market and the poor economy of the State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

कृषि मंत्रालय में पशुमालन एवं
डेयरी विभाग के राज्य मंत्री

(DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c): For supplementing the efforts of the State Government of Orissa for the growth of dairy and livestock sector, Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying have been implementing 11 centrally sponsored schemes and 3 central sector schemes in the State. A list of these schemes is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (C) OF THE
STARRED QUESTION NO. 590 TO BE ANSWERED ON 16TH MAY, 1997
IN THE RAJYA SABHA.

CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEMES

1. Extension of Frozen Semen Technology and Progeny Testing Programme.
2. Assistance to States for Feed and Fodder Development.
3. National Project on Rinderpest eradication.
4. Assistance to States for control of Animal Disease.
5. Professional Efficiency Development.
6. Assistance to States for Improvement/Establishment/Modernisation of Abattoirs/carcass utilisation centres and primary flaying units.
7. Integrated sample surveys for estimation of production of major livestock products.
8. National Bull Production Programme.
9. National Ram/Buck Production Programme and Programme for Rabbit Development.
10. Development of Pack Animals.
11. Assistance to States for Integrated Piggery Development.

CENTRAL SECTOR SCHEMES

12. Animal Husbandry Extension Programme.
13. Special Livestock Development Programme.

DAIRY DEVELOPMENT

CENTRAL SECTOR SCHEME

14. Integrated Dairy Development Projects in Non-Operation Flood, Hilly and Backward Areas.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

R A J Y A S A B H A

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4429

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 16TH MAY, 1997

DISPARITY BETWEEN RATE OF FOODGRAINS PRODUCTION IN THE COUNTRY

4429. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE कृषि मंत्री
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a great disparity exists in the rate of foodgrains production in different regions of the country;
- (b) if so, the maximum and minimum production rate of wheat, paddy, pulses, oilseeds and coarse grains in different regions of the country;
- (c) whether Government have prepared any action plan for lessening disparity between minimum and maximum production rates; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

कृषि मंत्री

(SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA)

(a)&(b): The rate of foodgrains production i.e. productivity per hectare varies from State to State depending upon diverse agro-climatic conditions, irrigation potential, soil fertility, input applications and other resource endowments. A statement giving State-wise productivity of wheat, rice, pulses, coarse grains and total foodgrains besides oilseeds during 1995-96 is annexed. The States with maximum and minimum productivity of the crops are also indicated in the Annexure.

(c)&(d): To increase the production and productivity of these crops in various parts of the country, the Government is implementing various crop oriented programmes viz. Integrated Cereals Development Programme (ICDP) in Wheat, Rice & Coarse Cereals based cropping system areas besides Accelerated Maize Development Programme, National Pulses Development Project and Oilseeds Production Programme.

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Annexure to Rajya Sabha Unstarred
Question No. 4429 for 16-5-1997

Statewise Productivity of Wheat,
Rice, Coarse Cereals, Pulses and
total Foodgrains besides Oilseeds
during 1995-96

States	Wheat	Rice	Coarse Cereals	Pulses	Total Foodgrains	Oilseeds
Andhra Pradesh	-	2499	1152	416	1719	918
Assam	1108	1354	621	534	1306	515
Bihar	2018	1374	1567	620	1465	625
Gujrat	2220	1450	925	543	1094	741
Haryana	3692	2222	758	972 (Max)	2537	1282
Himachal Pradesh	1435	1346	2006 (Max.)	340 (Min.)	1615	-
Jammu & Kashmir	1461	1863	1469	520	1541	424 (Min.)
Karnataka	686 (Min.)	2380	1294	474	1292	685
Kerala	-	1974	-	800	1902	601
Madhya Pradesh	1614	1104	801	604	1020	870
Maharashtra	1279	1689	845	503	879	775
Orissa	-	1375	899	537	1088	522
Punjab	3877 (Max.)	3132	2000	824	3472 (Max.)	1201
Rajasthan	2501	843 (Min.)	417 (Min.)	409	805 (Min.)	799
Tamil Nadu	-	3394 (Max)	1154	374	2148	1472 (Max.)
Uttar Pradesh	2453	1867	1317	770	1886	855
West Bengal	2611	1997	1846	-	1985	780
ALL INDIA	2493	1855	941	552	1499	851

annexure

Max: Maximum Productivity

Min: Minimum Productivity

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 16TH MAY, 1997

SUPPLY OF SUBSIDISED FERTILIZERS TO ORISSA

4433. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE कृषि मंत्री
be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount of subsidised fertilizers demanded and supplied to the state of Orissa during the last three years;
- (b) the reasons for the short supply; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government in this regard ?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

कृषि मंत्री

(SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA)

(a) to (c): Urea is the only fertilizer which is under statutory price control and for which allocation is made at present. All phosphatic and potassic fertilizers stand decontrolled with effect from 25.8.1992. Ammonium Sulphate, Ammonium Chloride and Calcium Ammonium Nitrate were also under price control from 25.8.1992 to 9.6.1994. The table below gives the assessed requirement, supply and consumption of urea in Orissa during the years 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97:

	Assessed requirement	Supply*	(Lakh tonnes) Consumption
1994-95	3.00	2.85	2.76
1995-96	3.30	3.83	3.12
1996-97	4.79	4.53	3.91 (Estimated)

* Excluding stock with State Institutional agencies.

The availability of urea in Orissa during the last three years was, by and large, satisfactory. When ever pockets of shortages were reported by the State Government, corrective measures by way of rushing urea through alternative sources were taken to overcome such situations. Periodical meetings to review sales and availability of urea are also held to take corrective measures.

TO BE ANSWERED ON 8.5.1997.

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3602.

ACQUISITION OF LAND BY NTPC IN ORISSA

3602. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK:

Will the PRIME MINISTER
be pleased to state:

(a) the total land acquired by the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) for its projects in Orissa;

(b) the year of the acquisition and the number of people affected thereby; and

(c) the details regarding compensation paid to the displaced people?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER

(DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI)

(a) & (b) : National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) had acquired about 3685 acres of land for their Talcher Super Thermal Power Project in Orissa. The land acquisition was effected during the period July, 1988 to August, 1996. The number of substantially affected families by the land acquisition is 1632.

(c) : The total compensation deposited by NTPC with Government of Orissa from March, 1987 to May, 1996 was Rs.8,73,32,185/- inclusive of 20% establishment charges.

L O K S A B H A

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5915

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 13TH MAY, 1997

BANANA AND MANGO CULTIVATION IN ORISSA

5915. SHRI K. PRADHANI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE कृषि मंत्री
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a vast scope to bring about Banana and Mango cultivation in Orissa;
- (b) if so, the steps taken in this direction in Orissa during Eighth Five Year Plan; and
- (c) the details of programmes prepared both in the coastal areas and scheduled areas in that State to bring areas under Mango and Banana cultivation ?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

कृषि मंत्री

(SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c): Government of India is implementing an integrated scheme on development of temperate, tropical and aride zone fruits which includes banana and mango. The assistance is provided for production of planting material through establishment of nurseries and tissue culture unit, area expansion and improving productivity.

Besides, State Government has taken compact plantation for banana and mango for which assistance is provided for planting material, plant protection chemical and training of farmers.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4249
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14/5/1997

ADDITIONAL FUND FOR PROMOTION OF HANDLOOM INDUSTRY IN ORISSA

4249. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state;

- (a) whether Government have received any proposal from the State Government of Orissa for allocation of more funds for the promotion and development of handloom industry;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and ..
- (c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

MINISTER OF TEXTILES
(SHRI R.L.JALAPPA)

(a) to (c) There is no Statewise allocation of funds under the Handloom Development Schemes. However, based on proposals received from the State Government, funds to the tune of Rs.776.83 lakhs were released to the Government of Orissa during 1996-97 under various Handloom Development Schemes for promotion of handloom industry.

L O K S A B H A

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4766

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6TH MAY, 1997

RAINFALL IN GUJARAT

4766. SHRI MAHESH KANODIA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
be pleased to state:

कृषि मंत्री

- (a) whether the Government are aware that about 90 percent of the crops have perished and livestock have to be shifted in Gujarat particularly in the Kutch district due to very low level of rainfall during the current year;
- (b) if not, the facts in this regard and the details regarding rainfall and droughts in the State during the said period;
- (c) the details regarding amount of financial assistance allocated and actually released so far from Calamity Relief Fund for this purpose;
- (d) whether any detailed report has been received by the Central Government from the State Government in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof ?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

कृषि मंत्री

(SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA)

(a)&(b): According to the information received from the Government of Gujarat, out of 890 villages of 9 Talukas in Kutch district, the State Government have declared scarcity in 687 villages and semi-scarcity in 208 villages, due to deficient rainfall to the extent of 57% during the South-West Monsoon, 1996.

(c)to(e): A Memorandum was received from the Government of Gujarat detailing the extent of drought situation in various districts and the proposed relief measures. Government of India have already released to the State Government Rs. 104.70 crores as their share of Calamity Relief fund (CRF) during 1996-97 and Rs.18.41 crores for the CRF for 1997-98 to enable the State Government to undertake necessary relief measures.

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LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4963

TO BE ANSWERED ON 7TH MAY, 1997

INDUS WATER TREATY

4963. SHRI CHAMAN LAL GUPTA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the leaders of Jammu & Kashmir have been pressing for review of the Indus Water Treaty with Pakistan as this ran counter to the interests of the people of Jammu and Kashmir;
- (b) if so, the steps taken in the matter, if any;
- (c) whether the state of Jammu & Kashmir was taken into confidence before this treaty; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS,
LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
(SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP)

विधि कार्य विभाग, विधायी विभाग और न्याय विभाग के राज्य मंत्री

- (a) & (b) No request has been received by Government from the Government of Jammu & Kashmir for review of the Indus Waters Treaty with Pakistan.
- (c) & (d) The State of Jammu & Kashmir was taken into confidence before the Indus Waters Treaty was concluded.



RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. +4264

TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.05.1997

MAXIMUM UTILISATION OF GANGA WATER

+4264. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:

SHRI NAGMANI:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES
be pleased to state:

- (a) the estimated quantum of water in the Ganga river;
- (b) the quantity of water used for irrigation, drinking and industrial purposes separately;
- (c) the quantity of unused water that falls in the sea; and
- (d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken for maximum utilisation of Ganga water?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES

(SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA)

(a) to (c) The average annual flow in river Ganga in India is estimated to be 501643 million cubic metre. Out of this, a quantum of 2,50,000 million cubic metre is estimated to be available for utilisation. The quantity of water being utilised at present for various purposes is not available. However, the projected utilisation for various purposes for the year 2000 will be as under:-

(i)	Irrigation	-	150764 million cubic metre
(ii)	Drinking	-	7900 million cubic metre
(iii)	Industries (including thermal & nuclear power stations)		5870 million cubic metre

Total: 164534 million cubic metre

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The unutilised water flows to Bangladesh.

(d) Efforts are made by the concerned State Governments to make optimum use of Ganga Water.

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TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.05.1997

WATER-LOGGING PROBLEM IN ORISSA

4266. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware of the problem of water-logging in the State of Orissa;
- (b) if so, the steps taken in 8th plan to resolve the problem of water-logging in that State;
- (c) whether any fund has been earmarked for the purpose for Ninth Plan; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES

(SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A part of the command of Mahanadi has been covered under Orissa Water Resources Consolidation Project which has been sanctioned during the VIII Plan. The activities under the project include rehabilitation and modernisation of existing projects, improving system deficiencies by on farm development works, linking of canals, repairs of offtake points, cross regulators, etc. These activities result in improved water management thus checking the problem of waterlogging. Eight irrigation projects of the State were also taken up under the National Water Management Project (NWMP) with the objective of upgrading the system covering an area of 1.10 lakh hectare.

Steps have also been taken to formulate the Mahanadi Delta Development Plan by the State Government which envisages drainage improvement, flood control, canal modernisation, command area development, ground water development, research and development etc.

Moreover, ten projects of the State have been covered under Centrally Sponsored Command Area Development Programme. Activities under the Programme like construction of field channels and field drains, land levelling and shaping, enforcement of warabandi, promotion of conjunctive use of surface and ground water, introduction of suitable cropping pattern, controlled irrigation at the farm level help in checking waterlogging. To propagate scientific

techniques of irrigation among farmers to check water logging, adaptive trials, demonstrations and training have also been taken up under the Programme. During the 8th Plan, Rs.17.17 crore has been released to the State Government for the Command Area Development Programme. Recently, a item relating to reclamation of water-logged areas has been included under the Programme under which Central assistance is admissible.

(c) to (d) The Ninth Plan is yet to be finalised.

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LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. +5568.

TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.05.1997

KONAR CANAL IRRIGATION PROJECT

+5568. SHRI R.L.P. VERMA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES
be pleased to state: जल संसाधन मंत्री

(a) the initial projected cost of the ambitious Konar Canal Irrigation Project (1978) of North Chhotanagpur in Bihar and the revised cost thereof at present;

(b) whether the construction work of the said canal is not being undertaken at present;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government propose to complete the Konar Canal Irrigation Project at the earliest; and

(e) if so, the time limit fixed for it?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES

(SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) जल संसाधन मंत्री

(a) The initial estimated cost of the project in 1971 was Rs.11.43 crores. The revised cost as in 1988 was Rs.187.67 crores.

(b)to(e) An amount of Rs.77.90 crores has been spent upto March, 1994 without creating any irrigation potential so far. As the State Government has not complied with the observations of all the Central appraising agencies, the project has not been given investment clearance by the Planning Commission. The completion of the project will depend upon the priority attached to it by the State Government.

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LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO.*507

TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.05.1997

LINKING OF RIVERS

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SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO:

SHRI RAJKESHAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES
be pleased to state: जल संचयन मंत्री

- (a) whether a high-level 9-Member National Commission has been constituted to link all big and small rivers of the country;
- (b) if so, its composition and terms of reference;
- (c) whether the experts and scientists have also been included in the proposed National Commission;
- (d) by what time the Government have asked them to submit their report;
- (e) whether the Government have also conducted a survey to use the contaminated ground water in various States;
- (f) whether the Government are committed for development of ground and surface water resources and whether any amount has been earmarked for these projects; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof and the provision of funds made therefor alongwith names of rivers to be taken up for inter linking ?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES

(SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) जल संचयन मंत्री

(a) to (g): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (g) OF THE LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.*507 FOR 12.05.1997 BY S/SHRI R. SAMBASIVA
RAO AND RAJKESHAR SINGH, MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT (LOK SABHA)
REGARDING LINKING OF RIVERS.

a) to d) A National Commission for Integrated Water Resources Development Plan was set up by the Ministry of Water Resources vide O.M. No.2/11/96-BM/645-661, dt.13.9.1996 with Dr. G.V.K. Rao as the Chairman. However, he resigned on health grounds. Subsequently Shri C.H. Hanumantha Rao was appointed as the Chairman vide O.M. No.2/11/96-BM/965-985, dt.22.11.1996. He also expressed his inability to continue on account of other pre-occupations. Thereafter, Dr. S.R. Hashim, Member, Planning Commission was appointed as the Chairman of the Commission vide O.M. No.2/11/96-BM/182-206, dt.14.2.1997.

The present Composition of the Commission is as under:-

1. Dr. S.R. Hashim : Chairman
Member,
Planning Commission
2. Shri V. Ramachandran : Member
Ex-Chief Secretary
Govt. of Kerala
Thiruvananthapuram
3. Dr. V.S. Vyas (Economist): Member
Director,
Institute of Development
Studies, 8-B Jhalana
Institutional Area,
Jaipur- 302 004.
4. Dr. D.N. Tewari, : Member
Ex-Chancellor,
F.R.I. (Deemed University)
Dehradun (UP).
5. Shri S. Prakash, : Member
Ex-Engineer-in-Chief,
Delhi Water Supply &
Sewage Disposal Undertaking.
6. Shri C.C. Patel : Member
Ex-Secretary (WR)
Govt. of India
7. Dr. Bharat Singh : Member
Vice-Chancellor (Retd.)
University of Roorkee

8. Shri S.P. Caprihan : Member
Engineer-in-Chief (Retd.)
Government of M.P.
9. Director General, : Member Secretary
National Water Development Agency (NWDA),
New Delhi.

Other experts are being co-opted as Members or being associated with nine Working Groups, as required to assist the Commission.

The terms of reference of the Commission are as under :

- i) To prepare an Integrated Water Plan for development of water resources for Drinking, Irrigation, Industrial, Flood Control and Other uses;
- ii) To suggest modalities for transfer of surplus water to water-deficit basin by inter-linking of rivers for achieving the above objectives;
- iii) To identify important On-going Projects as well as New Projects which should be completed on priority basis together with phasing;
- iv) Identify a technological and interdisciplinary research plan for the water sector with a view to maximise the benefits;
- v) To suggest physical and financial resource generation strategies for the water sector;
- vi) Any other related issue.

The Report is likely to be submitted in two years time.

e) The Central Ground Water Board monitors ground water quality in the country through a network of about 15000 existing hydrograph stations and additional about 2,000 stations to be constructed, to determine the usability of water for various purposes and tests the quality of water in bore holes sunk during exploration.

f) & g) Yes, Sir. Apart from giving technical advice through various organisations, several schemes are being implemented by the Government for development of ground and surface water.

National Water Development Agency, an organisation of the Ministry of Water Resources has identified 17 water transfer links under the Peninsular Rivers Development Component and 19 under the Himalayan Rivers Development Component for study. They are as under : -

Peninsular Rivers Development Component :

1. Mahanadi-Godavari link
2. Krishna (Srisailem)-Pennar link
3. Pennar (Gandikotta)-Palar-Cauvery link
4. Cauvery-Vaigai link
5. Godavari (Inchampalli)-Krishna (Nagarjunasagar) link
6. Krishna (Nagarjunasagar)-Pennar (Somasila) link
7. Krishna (Almatti) - Pennar link
8. Pennar (Somasila)-Palar-Cauvery (Coleroon) link
9. Godavari (Inchampalli)-Krishna (Pulichintala) link
10. Godavari (Polavaram)-Krishna (Vijayawada) link
11. Par-Tapi-Narmada link
12. Damanganga - Pinjal link
13. Pamba-Achankovil-Vaippar link
14. Bedti- Varda link
15. Netravati - Hemavati link
16. Ken Betwa link
17. Parbati - Kalisindh -Chambal link

Himalayan Rivers Development Component :

1. Kosi - Mechi
2. Kosi - Ghagra
3. Gandak - Ganga
4. Karnali - Yamuna
5. Sarda - Yamuna
6. Yamuna-Sirsa branch of Western Yamuna canal (Rajasthan)
7. Ganga - Sirhind canal
8. Tajewala - Bhakra
9. Harike - Tailend of Rajasthan canal
10. Extension of Rajasthan canal to Sabarmati
11. Chunar - Sone Barrage
12. Sone Barrage - Kiul
13. Sone Dam - Southern Tributary
14. Brahmaputra - Ganga (Manas - Sankosh - Teesta - Ganga)
15. Farakka - Sunderbans
16. Farakka - Durgapur
17. Durgapur - Dwarkeshwar
18. Durgapur - Subernarekha
19. Subernarekha - Mahanadi

LOK SABHA.

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. +5640.

TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.05.1997

MEETING OF BIHAR OFFICIAL

+5640. SHRI RAMENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES
be pleased to state: जल संसाधन मंत्री

(a) whether a meeting was held in New Delhi on January 24, 1997 under the Chairmanship of the Secretary, Department of Water Resources in connection with floods, soil erosion and development of water resources in Bihar, in which other concerned officials of the Bihar Government and Union Government were also present; and

(b) if so, the decision taken in the above meeting and the action being taken to implement the said decision?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES

(SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) जल संसाधन मंत्री

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The issues discussed in the meeting and follow-up action taken are as under:

i) In the meeting of Joint Team of Experts of Nepal and India held in January, 1997, the two sides have agreed to examine and assess the work-load required for carrying out detailed studies leading to Detailed Project Report to be prepared for Sapta Kosi High Dam.

The matter is being pursued with the Government of Nepal.

ii) Government of Bihar would re-submit their estimate for undertaking counter protective measures in Bihar territory that would be necessitated due to the proposed implementation of Lalbakeya embankment in Nepal territory.

The revised estimate duly complying with the observations of Ganga Flood Control Commission (GFCC) is awaited from Bihar.

iii) The scheme to prevent the erosion problem in Madhurapur-Mahendrapur area would be re-submitted through GFCC for reconsideration of Technical Advisory Committee of the Ministry.

Government of Bihar is yet to take further action in the matter.

- iv) The reimbursement claims of Bihar for 1996-97 towards maintenance of Kosi Flood Protection works in Nepal could be released early.

Rs. 69.78 lakhs have been reimbursed to Government of Bihar in February, 1997.

- v) The Drainage scheme for "Construction of sluice gate at Topra-Chaukiya-Paharpur embankment" would be put up for consideration of Steering Committee on Flood Proofing for its inclusion under Flood Proofing Programme.

In the meeting of the Steering Committee held in February, 1997, approval has been accorded for inclusion of this scheme under Flood Proofing Programme.

- vi) Central assistance for erosion problems by river Ganga near village Jhawa on Sonapur-Chapra National Highway could be considered during 9th Plan provided Planning Commission allocates adequate funds for the scheme.

The 9th Plan proposals are still under finalisation.

- vii) The issue of sharing of cost of Piprasi-Pipra ghat Embankment (between Bihar and U.P.) and Mahananda Embankment (between Bihar and West Bengal) would be discussed in the next meeting of the Ganga Flood Control Board.

Ganga Flood Control Commission is initiating action to convene the meeting of the Ganga Flood Control Board.

- viii) Inter-state disputes including those on Damodar Valley project would be discussed in the forthcoming inter-state meeting.

Action is being initiated.

- ix) Bihar Irrigation Commission's report dealing with the availability of water in Ganga at different locations would be examined by Central Water Commission.

These studies are being taken up.

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LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5648.

TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.05.1997

DIVERSION OF FLOOD WATER

5648. SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES
be pleased to state:

जल संसाधन मंत्री

- (a) whether a study was conducted to explore the possibilities to divert flood waters of Ganga to Rajasthan, in a time bound manner;
- (b) whether the said study has been completed;
- (c) if so, the findings thereof; and
- (d) the action proposed to be taken thereon?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES

(SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) जल संसाधन मंत्री

(a), (b), & (c) Yes, Sir. A study was conducted by Central Water Commission to explore the possibilities to divert flood waters of Ganga near Haridwar and Bijnore for use in Rajasthan. The study revealed that sufficient water was not available in Ganga near these two places for more than 20-30 days in a year for diversion to Rajasthan. It was concluded that running the proposed large size diversion canals, more than 100 km. in length, for such a short period will result in damages and their maintenance was likely to be very expensive thereby making the proposal highly uneconomical.

(d) On further request from Rajasthan, Central Water Commission has requested Government of Uttar Pradesh to furnish some more data to review the study.

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RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4254

TO BE ANSWERED ON 14-05-1997

CONSTITUTION OF PANEL FOR INTER-LINKING
OF RIVERS

4254. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT:

SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:

SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there was a proposal to constitute a panel of expert engineers to prepare a plan to inter-connect all rivers in the country, to transfer surplus water to deficit basins and to avert recurring flood fury in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) by when the panel is likely to submit its report; and
- (d) the other measures taken by the National Water Development Agency for inter-linking of rivers to prevent floods and optimise the irrigation potential of the rivers?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES

(SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA)

(a) to (d): A statement is attached.

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STATMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4254 FOR 14.05.1997 BY SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT, SHRI SANJAY DALMIA AND SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT (RAJYA SABHA) REGARDING CONSTITUTION OF PENAL FOR INTER-LINKING OF RIVERS.

a) and b) A National Commission for Integrated Water Resources Development Plan was set up by the Ministry of Water Resources vide O.M. No.2/11/96-BM/645-661, dt.13.9.1996.

The present Composition of the Commission is as under:-

1. Dr. S.R. Hashim : Chairman
Member,
Planning Commission
2. Shri V. Ramachandran : Member
Ex-Chief Secretary
Govt. of Kerala
Thiruvananthapuram
3. Dr. V.S. Vyas (Economist): Member
Director,
Institute of Development
Studies, 8-B Jhalana
Institutional Area,
Jaipur- 302 004.
4. Dr. D.N. Tewari, : Member
Ex-Chancellor,
F.R.I. (Deemed University)
Dehradun (UP).
5. Shri S. Prakash, : Member
Ex-Engineer-in-Chief,
Delhi Water Supply &
Sewage Disposal Undertaking.
6. Shri C.C. Patel : Member
Ex-Secretary (WR)
Govt. of India
7. Dr. Bharat Singh : Member
Vice-Chancellor (Retd.)
University of Roorkee
8. Shri S.P. Caprihan : Member
Engineer-in-Chief (Retd.)
Government of M.F.

9. Director General, : Member Secretary
National Water Development Agency (NWDA),
New Delhi.

Other experts are being co-opted as Members or being associated with nine Working Groups, as required to assist the Commission.

The terms of reference of the Commission are as under:

- i) To prepare an Integrated Water Plan for development of water resources for Drinking, Irrigation, Industrial, Flood Control and Other uses;
 - ii) To suggest modalities for transfer of surplus water to water-deficit basin by inter-linking of rivers for achieving the above objectives;
 - iii) To identify important On-going Projects as well as New Projects which should be completed on priority basis together with phasing;
 - iv) Identify a technological and interdisciplinary research plan for the water sector with a view to maximise the benefits;
 - v) To suggest physical and financial resource generation strategies for the water sector;
 - vi) Any other related issue.
- c) The Report is likely to be submitted in two years time.
- d) National Water Development Agency, an organisation of the Ministry of Water Resources has identified 17 water transfer links under the Peninsular Rivers Development Component and 19 under the Himalayan Rivers Development Component.

Pre-feasibility reports of all the 36 links have been completed.

Feasibility reports of 3 links under the Peninsular components namely; Par-Tapi-Narmada, Pamba-Achankovil-Vaippar link and Ken-Betwa link have been completed.

TO BE ANSWERED ON 14-05-1997

REVIEW OF GANGA WATER SHARING TREATY

4255.

SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:

SHRI YERRA NARAYANA SWAMY:

SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

SHRI S. M. KRISHNA:

SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a sharp decline in the discharge of water from the Farakka barrage since the first week of March has threatened to harm Calcutta Port's interests, both long and short term;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to review the Ganga water sharing treaty with Bangladesh in the national interest; and

(c) whether the matter was discussed in the meeting of the Joint River Commission held recently to review the situation over the sharing of Ganga water etc. between the two countries, if so, the details thereof?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES

(SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA)

(a) & (b) The low flow arrival of less than 50,000 cusec at Farakka occurred on 22nd March, 1997 and remained upto 4th April, 1997. The Government of India immediately initiated action for holding discussions with Bangladesh on the adjustments to be made in the sharing arrangements in accordance with Article II (iii) of the Treaty of sharing of Ganga waters at Farakka signed by India and Bangladesh on 12.12.1996.

(c) No meeting of the Joint River Commission has been held recently. However, discussions were held with Bangladesh officials in Delhi on 26th and 27th March, 1997, and at Dhaka on 6th and 7th April, 1997 but no decision could be taken. Action is now being taken to establish a procedure to tackle such situations.

O.I.H.

LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO.444

TO BE ANSWERED ON MAY 7, 1997

WORLD BANK AID.

No. *444

SHRI NARENDRA BUDANIA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state :

(a) whether the World Bank and other foreign agencies have provided any assistance to Rajasthan and other States to undertake water supply schemes and sanitation schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of those places where work has already been started under these schemes; and

(d) the details of progress made in this regard?

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ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT &
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

राष्ट्रीय कार्य और राजस्व मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा
संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

(DR. U. VENKATESWARLU)

(a) to (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION
NO. 444 FOR 7.5.1997 REGARDING WORLD BANK AID.

(a)&(b): The schemes for which external assistance is being provided by the World Bank and other foreign agencies are as under :-

S.No.	Water Supply & Sanitation Schemes (WS&S)	Cost (Rs. in crores)	External Assistance (Million)	Agency	Year of completion/expected date of completion
1.	Hyderabad WS&S	337.80	US\$ 89.0	World Bank	31.03.1998
2.	II Chennai WS (New Veeranam)	421.40	US\$ 69.4	World Bank	30.06.2002
3.	Mumbai Sewage Disposal	1003.80	US\$ 192.0	World Bank	31.12.2002
4.	Functional Improvements to Chennai WS&S systems	572.09	Yen 17098	OECD Japan	30.06.1999
5.	Bangalore WS&S	1072.00	Yen 28452	OECD Japan	31.12.2001
6.	Kerala Urban & Rural Water Supply	1787.48	Yen 11997	OECD Japan	31.12.2003
7.	Maharashtra Rural WS&S	319.58	US\$ 109.90	World Bank	31.12.1997
8.	Karnataka Rural WS&S	447.20	US\$ 92.00	World Bank	30.06.2000
9.	U.P. Rural WS&S	783.38	US\$ 59.60	World Bank	2002
10.	Integrated WS&S & Community participation for Rajasthan	253.01	DM 135.00	KfW (Germany)	

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(c): The names of the places where the work has already been started under the above schemes are as under :-

- (i) Hyderabad and Secunderabad.
- (ii) Chennai
- (iii) Mumbai
- (iv) Chennai
- (v) Bangalore
- (vi) Pattuvam, Meenad, Cherthala, adjoining villages, Thiruvananthapuram and Calicut.
- (vii) Satara, Pune, Ahmednagar, Sangli, Thane, Aurangabad, Beed, Latur, Buldhana and Chandrapur.
- (viii) Bangalore, Mandya, Mysore, Shimoga, Dhakshina, Bellary, Gulbarga, Raichur, Bidar, Belgaum, Tumkur and Hassan.
- (ix) Tehri, Deoria, Jhansi, Bijnor, Dehradun, Pithoragarh, Nainital, Chamoli, Uttar Kashi, Pauri, Lalitpur, Jalaun, Almora, Hamirpur, Banda, Mirzapur, Sonbhadra and Allahabad.
- (x) Churu and Hanumangarh.

(d): Since water supply and sanitation are State subjects, the schemes are implemented by the concerned project authorities. The details of progress made in each of the towns and villages individually is not monitored by Government of India. However, as per available information, the schemes mentioned in reply to part (c) are under various stages of implementation.

O.I.H.

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5018

TO BE ANSWERED ON MAY 7, 1997

DRINKING WATER SCHEME.

No. 5018

SHRI DATTA MEGHE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधानमंत्री

be pleased to state :

(a) the names of small, medium and big towns in Maharashtra where there is acute shortage of water;

(b) whether the State Government has sent any schemes in this regard to the Union Government and have sought financial assistance to ensure supply of safe drinking water to these towns; and

(c) if so, the action taken thereon so far?

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ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT &
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

राष्ट्रीय कार्य और राजस्व मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा
संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

(DR. U. VENKATESWARLU)

(a): The State Government of Maharashtra has intimated that scarcity of water is usually experienced in 58 small towns, 14 medium towns and 10 big towns of the State. The details are as Annexure-I.

(b)&(c): No proposal has been received from the State Government of Maharashtra in respect of medium and big towns. In so far as small towns are concerned, 28 schemes have been received from Maharashtra Government under Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme. Out of these, water supply schemes for 10 towns have been sanctioned so far, at an estimated project cost of Rs.13.71 crores (Annexure-II). An amount of Rs.3.86 crores has already been released as Central share during the 8th Plan period and the State Government has reported to have incurred an expenditure of Rs.2.65 crores on the implementation of the sanctioned schemes.

ANNEXURE-I

LIST OF TOWNS WHERE SCARCITY IS EXPERIENCED (SMALL TOWN)

Sl. No.	Name of Municipal Council	Name of District	Sl. No.	Name of Municipal Council	Name of District
1.	PATHARDI	AHMEDNAGAR	30.	AUSA	LATUR
2.	RAHATA-PIMPLAS	AHMEDNAGAR	31.	NILANGA	LATUR
3.	SHIRDI	AHMEDNAGR	32.	KATOL	BAGPUR
4.	RISOD	AROLA	33.	MOWAD	BAGPUR
5.	MORSHI	AMARAVATI	34.	NARKHED	BAGPUR
6.	SHENDURJANA	AMARAVATI	35.	SAONER	BAGPUR
7.	SILLOD	AURANGABAD	36.	LOHA	GANDED
8.	VAIJAPUR	AURANGABAD	37.	MUKHED	GANDED
9.	DHARUR	BEED	38.	OMERGA	OSMANABAD
10.	PAWANI	DHANDARA	39.	KALLAM	OSMANABAD
11.	TIRORA	DHANDARA	40.	MURUM	OSMANABAD
12.	CHIKHALI	BULDHANA	41.	NALDURG	OSMANABAD
13.	DEOLGAON RAJA	BULDHANA	42.	PARANDA	OSMANABAD
14.	JALGAON-JAMOD	BULDHANA	43.	SAILU	PARBHANI
15.	LONAR	BULDHANA	44.	SONPETH	PARBHANI
16.	MEHKAR	BULDHANA	45.	KARJAT	RAIGAD
17.	SINDKHED-RAJA	BULDHANA	46.	MUROD-JANJIRA	RAIGAD
18.	MUL	CHANDRAPUR	47.	VITA	BANGLI
19.	RAJURA	CHANDRAPUR	48.	KUPWAD	BANGLI
20.	BRAHMAPURI	CHANDRAPUR	49.	MHASWAD	RATARA
21.	DESAIGANJ	GADCHIROLI	50.	MALWAN	SINDHUDURG
22.	GADCHIROLI	GADCHIROLI	51.	VENGURLA	SINDHUDURG
23.	FAIJPUR	JALGAON	52.	AKKALKOT	BOLAPUR
24.	RAWER	JALGAON	53.	DUDHANI	BOLAPUR
25.	SAWDA	JALGAON	54.	KURDUWADI	BOLAPUR
26.	YAWAL	JALGAON	55.	MAINDARGI	BOLAPUR
27.	BHOKARDAN	JALNA	56.	VASAI	THANE
28.	MALKAPUR	KOLHAPUR	57.	PULGAON	MARDHA
29.	AHMADPUR	LATUR	58.	SINDI	MARDHA

LIST OF TOWNS WHERE SCARCITY IS EXPERIENCED (BIG TOWN)

Sl. No.	Name of Municipal Council/Corpn.	Name of District	Sl. No.	Name of Municipal Council/Corpn.	Name of District
1.	AKOLA	AKOLA	6.	LATUR	LATUR
2.	GONDIA	BHANDARA	7.	PARBHANI	PARBHANI
3.	CHANDRAPUR	CHANDRAPUR	8.	WARDHA	WARDHA
4.	DHULE	DHULE	9.	YAWATMAL	YAWATMAL
5.	JALNA	JALNA	10.	NASHIK	NASHIK

LIST OF TOWNS WHERE SCARCITY IS EXPERIENCED (MEDIUM TOWN)

Sl. No.	Name of Municipal Council	Name of District	Sl. No.	Name of Municipal Council	Name of District
1.	AKOT	AKOLA	8.	MANMAD	NASHIK
2.	NANDURBAR	DHULE	9.	OSMANABAD	OSMANABAD
3.	CHALISGAON	JALGAON	10.	BARSHI	SOLAPUR
4.	CHOPADA	JALGAON	11.	NAVGHAR-MANIKPUR	THANE
5.	PACHORA	JALGAON	12.	NALA SOPARA	THANE
6.	UDGIR	LATUR	13.	VIRAR	THANE
7.	KAMTHI	JAGPUR	14.	HINGANGHAT	WARDHA

ANNEXURE-II

MAHARASHTRA

SCHEMES SANCTIONED UNDER AUWSP

(Rs. in lakhs)

SL.NO.	NAME OF TOWN	SANCTIONED DATE	PROJECT COST
1.	Patur	March, 94	51.03
2.	Deulgaon Raja	March, 94	160.22
3.	Lonar	March, 94	98.18
4.	Main Dargi	March, 94	42.21
5.	Telhara	March, 94	18.37
6.	Kundalwadi	December, 95	145.10
7.	Sendurjanaghat	August, 96	117.78
8.	Saswad	October, 96	213.55
9.	Indapur	October, 96	324.47
10.	Dudhani	November, 96	200.19
Total			1371.10

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5057

TO BE ANSWERED ON MAY 7, 1997

WATER SUPPLY SCHEME.

No. 5057

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has agreed to provide Rs.101 crores for water supply scheme in Chittoor district of the State;

(b) if so, the main projects proposed to be undertaken under this scheme;

(c) whether the Union Government have also agreed to provide assistance for implementation of these projects;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the amount provided to the various organisations for completing the projects?

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ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT &
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

नगर कार्य और रोजगार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा
संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

(DR. U. VENKATESWARLU)

(a)to(e): This Ministry is not aware about the provision of Rs.101 crores for water supply scheme in Chittoor District made by the Government of Andhra Pradesh. However, HUDCO has sanctioned 6 projects in Chittoor District for a total project cost of Rs.66.58 crores including HUDCO loan assistance of Rs.46.65 crores for the towns of Chittoor, Tirupati, - Srikalahasti, Madnapally, Pungnar.

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4410

TO BE ANSWERED ON MAY 15, 1997

WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE DISPOSAL IN KUTCH DISTRICT

No. 4410

SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE :

Will the PRIME MINISTER

प्रधान मंत्री

be pleased to state :

(a): whether the Central Government have taken any steps to launch projects for drinking water supply and sewerage disposal in major cities of the Kutch district in Gujarat;

(b): if so, the details thereof;

(c): whether any proposal to cover the above projects under the Ninth Five Year Plan is under Government's consideration;

(d): if so, the details thereof; and

(e): whether world Bank or any other agency has offered to provide assistance for these projects; if so, the details in this regard?

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ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT &
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

शहरी कार्य और राजस्व मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा
संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

(DR. U. VENKATESWARLU)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): The Gujarat Water Supply and Sewerage Board has reported that there is no such proposal.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): No, Sir.

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. +4263.

TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.05.1997

DECLINING OF GROUND WATER LEVEL IN KUTCH
REGION OF GUJARAT

+4263 SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether underground water level in Kutch-Saurashtra regions of Gujarat has been constantly declining;
- (b) if so, the action taken by the Central Government to check this decline of water level;
- (c) whether schemes regarding raising the underground water level in the affected districts have been forwarded by Government of Gujarat to the Ministry; and
- (d) whether this Ministry would clear these schemes on priority basis and provide Central assistance for their implementation ?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES

(SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA)

- (a) Long term observations of ground water level made by the Central Ground Water Board have shown gradual decline in the level of ground water in localised pockets in the districts of Junagarh, Amreli, Jamnagar, Rajkot, Surendra Nagar, Kutch, Bhavnagar, Ahmedabad, Vadodera, Gandhinagar, Sabarkantha, Mehsana and Banaskantha of Kutch-Saurashtra region of Gujarat.
- (b) The steps taken by the Union Government to check the decline in groundwater level includes:
 - (i) Circulation of a Model Bill to all the States/UTs including Gujarat to enable them to enact suitable legislation for regulation and control of ground water development.

- (ii) Circulation of a Manual on artificial recharge of ground water to the States/Union Territories including Gujarat to enable them to formulate area specific artificial recharge schemes to check the declining trend in ground water levels.
- (iii) Formulation of a Centrally Sponsored Scheme to assist the State Government in artificial recharge of ground water. The scheme is at consultation stage.
- (iv) Constitution of the Central Ground Water Board as an Authority under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 for regulation and control of ground water management and development.
- (c) The Government of Gujarat had sent a project proposal for "augmenting surface water recharge in over-exploited aquifers of North Gujarat" at an estimated cost of Rs.110.65 crores.
- (d) Ministry of Water Resources has recommended the project proposal to the Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs) in March 1996 for posing the same to some external donor agency for assistance.

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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2103

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 14TH MARCH, 1997

COMMUNICATION FACILITY TO FISHERMEN REGARDING
CYCLONE

2103. SHRI O.S. MANIAN:
SHRI R. MARGABANDU:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE कृषि मंत्री
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have plans to provide walkie-talkie sets to fishermen to forewarn them about impending cyclone; and
(b) if so, the details thereof?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

कृषि मंत्री

(SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA)

(a) & (b): A project under the Technical Cooperation Programme of the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations entitled "Training in the Sea Safety Development Programmes" has been approved for implementation in the coastal area of East Godavari Districts of Andhra Pradesh with an outlay of US \$ 316000. This pilot project has provision for installing shore to boat communication system on fishing vessels, safety equipment and life saving devices and outboard motors for selected beneficiaries. The project has provision for training of beneficiaries in the use and maintenance of the equipment.

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US \$ 31,6000 = Rs: 11 060 000

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 14TH MARCH, 1997

LOSSES FACED BY TOBACCO FARMERS DUE TO CYCLONE
IN ANDHRA PRADESH

2100. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
be pleased to state:

कृषि मंत्री

- (a) whether Government will help Tobacco farmers to recoup their losses in West Godavari, Guntur and East Godavari districts in Andhra Pradesh due to cyclone;
- (b) whether it is a fact that there is a virtual shortage of tobacco seedlings in Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) whether Central Tobacco Research Institute, Rajahmundry, Andhra Pradesh, has prepared any crash plan for supply of tobacco seedlings to the farmers on a one-time basis; and
- (d) the steps proposed to supply quality tobacco seedlings to farmers through CTRI in Andhra Pradesh?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

कृषि मंत्री

(SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA)

(a): An amount of Rs. 93.14 crores has been released during 1996-97 as Central share of Calamity Relief Fund to the Government of Andhra Pradesh for undertaking relief and rehabilitation measures in the wake of natural calamities. In addition Rs. 142.00 crores has been released from the National Fund for Calamity Relief for relief measures in various sectors including agriculture in the wake of the cyclones of October-November, 1996. Besides, the Tobacco Board in the Ministry of Commerce has also sanctioned Rs. 37.35 lakhs to provide subsidy to scheduled Caste/Tribe, small & marginal farmers whose tobacco crop & barns were damaged during the cyclone of November, 1996 to recoup part of their losses in the districts of East Godavari & West Godavari along with the farmers who suffered losses in other districts.

(b): There is no shortage of tobacco seedlings in Andhra Pradesh.

(c)&(d): As per the mandate of Central Tobacco Research Institute (CTRI), the Institute is supplying pure seeds of the recommended tobacco varieties and is meeting the demand and requirements of the farmers as well as commercial nursery growers. The supply of seedlings is free of cost to Seed Producing Farmers with an understanding to collect the pure seed from those fields. CTRI has also supplied tobacco seedlings to the farmers on cost basis after meeting the requirements of Seed Producing farmers. The demand and requirements have been met fully. The CTRI directs its scientists through its various extension activities to advise farmers and commercial nursery growers to produce quality seedlings. This is a continuous process and an approved activity of the CTRI.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

R A J Y A S A B H A

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.736

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 28TH FEBRUARY, 1997

LOSS OF LIVESTOCK IN WEST GODAVARI DISTRICT DUE TO CYCLONE

736. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
be pleased to state:

कृषि मंत्री

- (a) whether Government have deputed any team to survey the loss of cattle and livestock in West Godavari district in Andhra Pradesh due to the recent cyclone;
- (b) if so, when did this team visit West Godavari district;
- (c) its assessment of loss of livestock and cattle;
- (d) whether any proposal has been cleared to extend financial assistance to the farmers for loss of their livestock; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

कृषि मंत्री

(SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA)

(a) & (b): In response to a Memorandum seeking additional assistance from the National Fund for Calamity Relief (NFCR), a Central Team was deputed to Andhra Pradesh to assess the extent of damage and requirements of relief and rehabilitation in various sectors including the Animal Husbandry Sector in the wake of cyclone of November, 1996. The Team visited West Godavari district on 28-30 November, 1996.

(c): According to the assessment of the Central Team, about 10,000 cattle, 5,000 sheep, goats and pigs and 22,00,000 poultry birds perished due to the cyclone and flood of November, 1996 in East and West Godavari districts.

(d) & (e): On the basis of the recommendations of the Central Team the National Calamity Relief Committee approved an assistance of Rs.142.00 crores from the NFCR for relief measures in various sectors including Animal Husbandry Sector, which was released on 1.1.1997. This is in addition to Rs.93.14 crores released as Central share of Calamity Relief Fund during 1996-97.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

R A J Y A S A B H A

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 730

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 29TH FEBRUARY, 1997

LOSS OF COCONUT TREES DUE TO CYCLONE IN ANDHRA PRADESH

730. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
be pleased to state:

कृषि मंत्री

- (a) whether any assessment has been made regarding loss of coconut trees in East and West Godavari districts in Andhra Pradesh due to recent cyclone;
- (b) if so, the number of trees destroyed;
- (c) whether Government have assured compensation on a "Tree-for-Tree" basis; and
- (d) the details of the "Tree-for-Tree" scheme to be implemented?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

कृषि मंत्री

(SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA)

(a)&(b): The officials of Government of Andhra Pradesh and the Coconut Development Board, Government of India have jointly assessed the loss of coconut trees in East and West Godavari districts in Andhra Pradesh due to cyclone. It is estimated that 21.015 lakh coconut trees have been totally destroyed as reported by the Board.

(c)&(d): Government of India has sanctioned an amount of Rs.52.70 crores to Government of Andhra Pradesh for undertaking the programme of uprooting and replanting coconut palms in 34,000 hectares reported to have been damaged in East and West Godavari districts of Andhra Pradesh for providing compensation to the farmers at an average rate of Rs.100/- per palm for uprooting the damaged palms and rehabilitating partially damaged palms subject to a ceiling of Rs.12500/- per hectare and additional assistance @ Rs.3000/- per hectare for replanting in the damaged areas.

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L O K S A B H A

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2527

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11TH MARCH, 1997

INSURANCE OF FISHERMEN

2527. SHRI MAHENDRA KARMA:
SHRI TILAK RAJ SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE कृषि मंत्री
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Madhya Pradesh Government have insured 53,619 persons engaged in fishing against accident during 1995-96 and on this Rs.3,01,607 have been spent on 50:50 share basis by the State;
- (b) if so, the amount still to be paid by the Union Government to the State Government out of their share; and
- (c) the time by which the outstanding amount would be paid ?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

कृषि मंत्री

(SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA)

(a): The Government of Madhya Pradesh had insured 47007 fishermen during 1995-96 against accidents under the Group Accident Insurance Component of the Centrally Sponsored National Welfare of Fishermen Scheme. A total sum of Rs.5,28,758/- was spent on the insurance of 47007 fishermen during 1995-96 out of which the contribution of the State Government on 50:50 basis was Rs.2,64,379/-.

(b)& (c): The State Government, during 1995-96, had requested this Ministry to release a sum of Rs.2,81,250/- as Central share of grants-in-aid for the purpose of insuring 50,000 fishermen. The entire amount of Central share was released to the State Government in March, 1996. As the expenditure incurred by the State Government during 1995-96 was less than the Central share released for this purpose, no Central share is outstanding to be paid.

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TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.03.1997

PROTECTION OF COASTAL LAND IN ANDHRA PRADESH

1321.

DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any schemes for protection of Coastal Land in Andhra Pradesh from Sea erosion has been drawn up;
- (b) if so, the details of areas included in the scheme;
- (c) the amount likely to be spent on the scheme; and
- (d) whether any time-frame has been laid down for implementation ?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES

(SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) & (c) A proposal for constructing 1000 m. long sea wall for protecting Uppada Beach near Kakinada Port at an estimated cost of Rs.65.50 lakh was received from Govt. of Andhra Pradesh in 1990-91. The proposal was examined by the Centre and observations sent to the State Govt. in July, 1991. Compliance from Govt. of Andhra Pradesh has not been received.
- (d) Does not arise.

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3696

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 18TH MARCH, 1997

CROP INSURANCE SCHEME

3696. SHRI AMAR PAL SINGH:
 SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH:
 SHRI D.P.YADAV:
 SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE कृषि मंत्री
 be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount of claims paid to the farmers under the Crop Insurance Scheme in the country during the Eighth Five Year Plan, year-wise and State-wise;
- (b) the amount to be paid to the farmers outstanding so far, State-wise;
- (c) the reasons for not paying the remaining amount; and
- (d) the time by which the outstanding dues are likely to be cleared ?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

कृषि मंत्री

(SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA)

(a): State-wise and year-wise details of admissible claims paid under the Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme during the Eighth Five Year Plan are given in the Annexure.

(b): State-wise details of admissible claims outstanding are as under:-

S.No.	State	(Rs. in lakhs)
		Amount
1.	Gujarat	16.35
2.	Madhya Pradesh	795.32
3.	Maharashtra	39.34
4.	Tamil Nadu	681.91
5.	West Bengal	321.04

(c)&(d): Outstanding claims are pending due to non-receipt of 1/3rd share from the concerned State Governments. The outstanding claims will be settled as soon as the share of State Government is received.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT SHOWING STATE-WISE AND YEAR-WISE DETAILS OF CLAIMS
PAID UNDER THE COMPREHENSIVE CROP INSURANCE SCHEME DURING THE
EIGHTH FIVE YEAR PLAN.

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(Rs. in Lakhs)

S.No.	States	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97*
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1713.93	482.91	2569.00	1859.72	
2.	Assam	4.73	0.15	1.18	0.66	
3.	Bihar	1495.31	108.24	35.30	343.89	
4.	Goa	0.20	0.06	0.69	0.12	
5.	Gujarat	87.50	16239.76	450.84	8422.20	
6.	Himachal Pradesh	5.07	3.02	0.89	0.00	
7.	Karnataka	534.22	282.58	108.88	367.82	
8.	Kerala	21.07	47.94	314.45	24.92	
9.	Madhya Pradesh	273.25	43.18	3.67	0.00	
10.	Maharashtra	130.63	92.33	743.17	1366.51	
11.	Meghalaya	0.95	0.40	1.16	0.22	
12.	Orissa	467.30	116.85	902.03	759.30	
13.	Tamil Nadu	306.92	1244.87	184.43	54.56	
14.	Tripura	0.00	0.00	0.45	0.00	
15.	West Bengal	53.32	120.22	130.05	0.00	
16.	A & N Islands	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
17.	Pondicherry	1.10	42.78	0.00	0.00	
Total:		5095.50	18825.29	5446.19	13199.92	

* Claims for the year 1996-97 shall be known after the receipt of yield data.

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2897

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21ST MARCH, 1997

DEATH-STALKS STARVED BOLANGIR

2897. SHRI O.P. KOHLI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE कृषि मंत्री
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item published in "The Hindustan Times" dated the 12th February, 1997 under the caption "Death Stalks Starved Bolangir";
- (b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken in this regard?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

कृषि मंत्री

(SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c): Government of India have requested the National Human Rights Commission to enquire into the reported starvation deaths in Bolangir district. A Team of Officers from the Commission undertook a visit of the State on 12-14th December, 1996. Government have not received any report from the Commission in this regard so far.

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R A J Y A S A B H A

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21ST FEBRUARY, 1997

INQUIRY INTO STARVATION DEATHS IN ORISSA

2. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI N. GIRI PRAGAD:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
be pleased to state:

कृषि मंत्री

(a) whether the National Human Rights Commission has investigated charges of starvation deaths in Orissa on his request; and

(b) if so, the findings thereof and further action taken, if any, on the basis of the report of the Commission?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

कृषि मंत्री

(SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA)

(a)&(b): A Team of officers of the National Human Rights Commission had undertaken a preliminary visit to Orissa on 12-14 December, 1996 for collection of facts about the reported starvation deaths. Government have not received any report from the Commission in this regard so far.

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TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 25TH FEBRUARY, 1997

FUNDS TO ORISSA FOR DROUGHT

623. SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE ବୃଦ୍ଧି ମନ୍ତ୍ରୀ
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have not yet provided the additional financial assistance to Orissa to mitigate the acute drought conditions there;
- (b) whether the Central Government have also not taken any decision with regard to the State Government's demand of Rs.371 crore to launch intensive work in the drought hit areas;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the time by which the assistance is likely to be provided to the State Government?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

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(SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA)

(a)&(b): The Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) amounting to Rs.36.76 crores for 1996-97 has already been released to the Government of Orissa. The State Government have submitted a Memorandum seeking additional assistance of Rs.577.70 crores from the National Fund for Calamity Relief (NFCR) for relief and rehabilitation measures in the wake of drought conditions, including Rs.371.00 crores for Employment Generation Programmes. On the basis of the report of a Central Team which visited the State to assess the situation, the National Calamity Relief Committee (NCRC) considered the request of the State Government for additional assistance. The NCRC has sought certain clarifications from the State Government about the requirements of additional Employment Generation in the drought affected areas. In the meantime, an amount of Rs.13.00 crores has been released to the State Government from the NFCR, in addition to Rs.106.34 crores as the second instalment of funds under the Employment Generation Programmes.

(c)&(d): Do not arise.

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L O K S A B H A

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.411

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 25TH FEBRUARY, 1997

EXPORT OF RICE

411. SHRI RAM NAIK:
SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
be pleased to state:

कृषि मंत्री

- (a) whether the Government are aware that some Non Governmental Organisations in Orissa are considering the export of rice from the State at a time when there is acute drought condition prevalent there;
- (b) if so, whether Government have permitted this export; and
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

कृषि मंत्री

(SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA)

- (a): No, Sir.
- (b): Question does not arise.
- (c): Question does not arise.

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L O K S A B H A

STARRED QUESTION NO.57

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 25TH FEBRUARY, 1997

INVESTIGATION BY NHRC

*57. SHRI AJAY CHAKRABORTY:
SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE

कृषि मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Human Rights Commission has investigated the charges of starvation deaths in Orissa;
- (b) if so, the findings thereof; and
- (c) the action taken thereon?

A _____ N _____ S _____ W _____ E _____ R

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

कृषि मंत्री

(SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA)

(a)&(b): A Team of officers of the National Human Rights Commission had undertaken a preliminary visit to Orissa on 12-14 December, 1996 for collection of facts about the reported starvation deaths. Government have not received any report from the commission in this regard so far.

(c): Does not arise.

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L O K S A B H A

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2643

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11TH MARCH, 1997

DROUGHT HIT AREAS

2643. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
be pleased to state:

कृषि मंत्री

- (a) the areas and districts declared as 'drought hit' this year in the country particularly in Maharashtra, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh; and
- (b) the Central Aid and assistance given for the drought relief measures, State-wise?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

कृषि मंत्री

(SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA)

(a): According to the information received from the State Governments, 1733 villages of 4 districts in Gujarat and 1650 villages of 7 districts in Maharashtra have been declared drought affected during 1996-97. In addition drought conditions in varying degrees prevail in 25 Tehsils of 7 districts in Madhya Pradesh and 15818 villages of 18 districts in Orissa.

(b): Government of India have released the following funds to the above States as central share of the Calamity Relief Fund for relief measures in the wake of natural calamities including drought during 1996-97:-

State	(Rs. in crores)
	Central share of Calamity Relief Fund released.
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Gujarat	104.70
Madhya Pradesh	38.31
Maharashtra	51.15
Orissa	36.76

In addition, Rs.13.00 crores has been released to Orissa from the National Fund for Calamity Relief. A decision has also been taken to provide another Rs.37.00 crores to Orissa from this Fund.

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TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 25TH FEBRUARY, 1997

FLOODS/CYCLONE IN ANDHRA PRADESH

578. SHRI YELLAIAH NANDI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state: कृषि मंत्री

- (a) whether the Government have received full report in regard to the damage caused by floods/cyclone in Andhra Pradesh during October-November 1996;
- (b) if so, the details of damages and the assistance recommended by the Central team which visited the affected area;
- (c) the details of assistance sought by the State Government and amount sanctioned by the Union Government to compensate the affected persons of the State till date;
- (d) whether the full sanctioned amount has been released;
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the time by which the full assistance is likely to be released to State Government?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

कृषि मंत्री (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA)
(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d): According to the reports received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh, cyclones, heavy rains and floods during October and November, 1996 affected a population of 1.71 crores, claimed 1412 human lives and damaged 7.46 lakh houses and crops in an area of 15.49 lakh ha. in the State. The State Government had submitted two memoranda seeking additional assistance of Rs.2693.00 crores from the National Fund for Calamity Relief (NFCR) for relief and rehabilitation measures in the affected areas. Central teams visited the affected areas and after considering these reports the National Calamity Relief Committee approved an assistance of Rs.142.00 crores from the NFCR, which was released to the State Government on 1st January, 1997. This was in addition to Rs.93.14 crores released as Central share of Calamity Relief Fund during 1996-97 and Rs.63.00 crores sanctioned for rehabilitation in the coconut and cashewnut sector.

(e)&(f): Do not arise.

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R A J Y A S A B H A

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.726

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 28TH FEBRUARY, 1997

LOSSES DUE TO NATURAL CALAMITIES IN HIMACHAL PRADESH

726. SHRI MAHESHWAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
be pleased to state:

कृषि मंत्री

(a) the year-wise details of the extent of loss of lives, properties, livestock and crops caused by floods, cloud burst, heavy rains, hailstrom, earthquake etc. during the last five years togetherwith the names of the areas where such loss has been caused in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) whether the meteorological centre at Chandigarh has been successful in giving prior information about these natural calamities; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the affirmative, the details thereof; if not, the reasons therefor?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

कृषि मंत्री

(SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA)

(a): On the basis of the information received from the State Government, a Statement indicating the extent of loss of human lives and animals and damage to crops and properties in Himachal Pradesh due to various natural calamities during the last five years is enclosed.

(b)&(c): The Meteorological Centre at Chandigarh is providing forecast and warnings to the State Government agencies, public and other users against heavy rains, hailstorms and snowfall in Himachal Pradesh. The accuracy of these forecasts, valid for 24 to 36 hours, is quite high. At present no scientific method is available for forecasting earthquakes.

ANNEXURE

Extent of Damage in Himachal Pradesh during last
five years due to Natural Calamities.

Years	Districts Affected	Human lives lost (Number)	Animal lost (Number)	Cropped area affected (in lakh Hectare)	Damage to Property (Rupees in Crores)
1992	12	102	756	1.78	147.67
1993	12	44	12090	3.75	404.76
1994	12	179	1022	4.76	406.04
1995	12	149	5624	3.35	505.99
1996	12	45	2250	2.99	476.77

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RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1942.

TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.03.1997

FLOOD FORECASTING

1942.

SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA:

DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES
be pleased to state: जल संसाधन मंत्री

- (a) whether the machinery for flood forecasting is working efficiently and reliably;
- (b) if so, the track record of flood forecasting in our country; and
- (c) the steps being taken to improve the efficiency and reliability in flood forecasting ?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES जल संसाधन मंत्री
(SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The record of flood forecasting activities of Central Water Commission has been satisfactory and has been appreciated by the users of the forecasts for the reliable and timely forecasts, particularly of the major flood events. The performance in terms of accuracy of forecasts for the last 10 years is at Statement-I. The accuracy ranges from 94% to 97%.

(c) To improve the efficiency and reliability of flood forecasts, the techniques are being constantly reviewed, updated and modernised. The efficiency and reliability have considerably improved through the use of computers and computer models for analysis and formulation of forecasts. The communication system is being modernised by introducing satellite technology in order to advance the warning time and quicken the data transmission.

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STATEMENT-I

Statement referred to in reply to part (b) of Unstarred Question No. 1942 to be answered on 12-3-07 in the Rajya Sabha.

STATEMENT SHOWING PERFORMANCE IN TERMS OF ACCURACY
OF FORECASTS ISSUED BY CWC IN LAST TEN YEARS OR SO.

Sl No.	Year	% of accuracy of flood forecast issued.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4
1.	1986	92.1	
2.	1987	95.1	
3.	1988	93.9	
4.	1989	95.1	
5.	1990	94.2	
6.	1991	94.3	
7.	1992	95.9	
8.	1993	96.9	
9.	1994	94.8	
10.	1995	96.4	
11.	1996	95*	*Tentative.

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11TH MARCH, 1997

INDIAN PEOPLES' FAMINE TRUST

2511. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE कृषि मंत्री
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Peoples Famine Trust is being Administered by the Government;
- (b) if so, the objectives and terms of reference of the Trust;
- (c) whether any assistance has been provide to the famine affected regions of Orissa, Madhya Pradesh and other parts of the country by the Trust during 1995-96 and 1996-97;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

कृषि मंत्री

(SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA)

(a): The Ministry of Agriculture is administering the Indian Peoples' Natural Calamities Trust (IPNCT)' which was formerly known as the Indian Peoples' Famine Trust.

(b): The objectives of the Trust, which is Administered by a Board of Management headed by Agriculture Minister are the following :-

(i) providing assistance to victims of natural calamities such as flood, cyclone, drought, earthquake, fire, avalanche and hailstrom or any other like calamity, who do not receive any financial assistance from other sources;

(ii) promoting research, study and documentation activities for natural disaster prevention, preparedness, mitigation and reduction.

(c) & (d): During 1996-97 Rs. 6.00 lakh and Rs. 1.65 lakh were provided to Governments of Andhra Pradesh and Kerala from the Trust for assisting some of the flood victims. No such assistance was provided to States affected by droughts.

(e): Institutional arrangements already exist for providing financial assistance to States for carrying out relief and rehabilitation measures in the wake of natural calamities including drought. A Calamity Relief Fund with an average annual allocation of Rs. 1260.00 crores and a National Fund for Calamity Relief with an average annual allocation of Rs. 140.00 crores have been constituted for this purpose. The annual income of the IPNCT is too meagre to provide any worthwhile assistance to the victims of the natural calamities.

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3693

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 16TH MARCH, 1997

FUNDS FOR NATURAL CALAMITIES

3693. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN PAPPU YADAV:
SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY:
SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE कृषि मंत्री
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central Government have asked the State Governments to submit the memorandum regarding the losses suffered due to various natural calamities like flood, drought, cyclone, hailstorms etc. in 1996;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the names of the States from which the memorandum have been received indicating loss of lives, livestock, crops, houses and area suffered by them, State-wise; and
- (d) the amount of financial assistance provided to these States for relief and rehabilitation measures so far, State-wise?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

कृषि मंत्री

(SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA)

(a) & (b): In accordance with the established practice, Government of India receives from the State Governments Memoranda about the extent of damage in various sectors as a result of natural calamities. The State Governments undertake relief and rehabilitation measures in the affected areas utilising the allocations in the Calamity Relief Fund (CRF). They are required to send a detailed Memorandum to the Government of India only in the event of a calamity of rare severity where additional funds are sought from the National Fund for Calamity Relief (NFCR).

(c) & (d): During 1996-97 Memoranda have been received from 17 States seeking additional assistance from the NFCR. A Statement indicating the area affected, loss of human lives and livestock, damage to crops and houses due to natural calamities during 1996-97 in these States and funds released from the Central share of CRF and the NFCR is enclosed.

S.No	Name of the State from where memorandum received	Calamity	Extent of damage		Area affected (in lakh ha)	Cropped area affected (in lakh ha)	Damage to houses (No)	Financial assistance extended from	
			Human lives lost (No)	Animals lost (No)				Central share of CRF (Rs. in crore)	NFCR (Rs. in crore)
1	Andhra Pradesh	Flood/ cyclone	1685	66694	22.51	22.47	714040	93.14	142.00
2	Arunachal Pradesh	Flood	15	1256	0.07	0.06	330	5.28	3.00
3	Assam	Flood	38	—	5.75	2.00	7848	37.51	21.00
4	Bihar	Flood	207	66	11.29	7.14	66955	38.97	7.00
5	Gujarat	Flood	117	1962	22.31	4.28	54575	104.70	—
6	Haryana	Flood	19	544	0.86	0.23	12314	18.79	—
7	Himachal Pradesh	Flood	45	2250	3.20	2.58	5774	20.21	10.56
8	Jammu & Kashmir	Flood	58	9534	0.58	0.46	24521	14.78	—
9	Karnataka	Flood	244	5254	0.83	0.83	135462	31.39	—
10	Kerala	Flood	159	—	0.46	0.39	18729	41.55	—
11	Madhya Pradesh	Flood/ Drought	48	344	0.14	0.14	7075	38.31	—
12	Orissa	Drought	—	—	—	20.53	—	36.76	50.00
13	Rajasthan	Flood	138	6438	10.88	2.10	119241	134.28	—
14	Sikkim	Flood	9	—	—	—	20	3.53	5.52
15	Tamil Nadu	Flood/ cyclone	210	2826	3.28	3.28	700818	44.51	25.00
16	Uttar Pradesh	Flood	352	1279	11.24	6.78	70858	93.84	—
17	West Bengal	Flood	48	84	0.83	0.83	203987	38.49	—

TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.03.1997

PREVENTIVE MEASURES TO CHECK FLOODS IN
PUNJAB AND ANDHRA PRADESH

1318. SHRI K.M. KHAN:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have been requested to take preventive measures to check recurring floods in Punjab;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) whether Government propose to take similar preventive measures to check recurring floods in Andhra Pradesh and other States of country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES

(SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA)

(a)&(b) Under the constitution, Irrigation and Flood control are State subjects. Their planning, execution and funding is done through State Plans, which comprise of State Resources and Central Assistance. Preventive measures to check floods in Punjab are taken by the State Government. However Ministry of Water Resources has been providing Central Assistance of Rs. 1.5 crores annually on an average in the flood sector to the Government of Punjab for construction of flood protection works along Indo-Pak border on rivers Ravi and Sutlej. Ministry of Home Affairs has also released Rs. 11 crores to the Government of Punjab in February, 1997 for construction of Flood Management Works on river Ravi and Sutlej.

(c)&(d) In order to examine the problems of flood and flood management, Government of India constituted five regional task forces on 30.9.1996 with the participation of very senior officers from the Centre and State Governments of the region to examine the regional flood problem in detail, review existing remedial measures adopted so far and recommend measures for comprehensive solutions to the problem including better maintenance of existing works and for effective funding of the projects in the flood sector besides mobilising youths for the purpose. Secretary (Irrigation), Government of Andhra Pradesh is a Member of the Southern Regional Task Force. The final report of the Task Force is expected to suggest comprehensive solution to the flood problem of each State.

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3697

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 18TH MARCH, 1997

FORECASTING INFORMATION TO FISHERMEN

3697. SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM:
SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE कृषि मंत्री
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to forecast information to the fishermen about the natural calamities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the steps taken by the Government to save the fishermen from the natural calamities?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

कृषि मंत्री

(SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA)

(a) to (c): The India Meteorological Department issues Fishermen's Bulletins regularly four times a day through All India Radio for broadcast in regional languages. During cyclone or depression, these bulletins contain information about (i) its position and direction of movement, (ii) the associated weather in respect of strong winds and state of the sea and (iii) advice to the fishermen not to venture into the sea. Fishermen are also advised during the monsoon season not to venture into the sea as and when there is likelihood of strong winds exceeding 45 kmph, squally weather, gale and very rough sea.

A pilot project for installing shore to boat communication system on fishing vessels, safety equipment, life saving devices and out-board motors for selected beneficiaries have been recently approved for implementation in East Godavari District of Andhra Pradesh with the assistance of the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations.

The Department of Ocean Development has also taken up a scheme on Shore to Fishing Vessel Communication System for implementation during the Eighth plan period onwards for demonstrating the usefulness of communication technology for safety of fishermen at sea.

TO BE ANSWERED ON 03-03-1997.

FLOOD MANAGEMENT MEASURES IN MAHARASHTRA

1312. MISS SAROO KHAPARDE:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have taken any flood management measures for preventing floods in the flood prone areas of Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the funds provided to the State for the purpose during the last three years, year-wise;
- (c) whether reasonable degree of protection has been provided to the flood prone areas of the State; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the steps being taken in that regard?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES

(SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA)

(a) & (b) : Central Indian and Deccan rivers such as Tapi, Narmada, Godavari, Krishna and smaller West flowing rivers which cover the State of Maharashtra have generally well defined courses and adequate bankful capacity. The region is generally free from floods and the problem is limited to spilling over banks during high floods. The State Govt. plans and executes schemes under flood control in their areas with their own plan funds. No flood control scheme has been referred by the State Govt. to the Centre for appraisal since 1991. The State Govt. have made provisions in their annual plan under flood sector as under :

1994-95	:	Rs.0.53 crore
1995-96	:	Rs.0.55 crore
1996-97	:	Rs.1.02 crore

(c) & (d) The flood prone area in the State assessed by Ambtriya Barh Nyog is 2.3 lakh ha. Against this the flood control works carried out by the State Govt. and the area benefitted till March 1992 as reported by the State Govt. are given below:

i)	Area benefitted :	0.01 lakh ha.
ii)	Embankments constructed :	26 km.
iii)	Town protection works :	26 Nos.
iv)	Villages benefitted :	63 No.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS

(a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 161

TO BE ANSWERED IN THE RAJYA SABHA ON

5.3.97 REGARDING FLOODS IN BIHAR.

(a) to (c) The Ganga Flood Control Commission has prepared comprehensive flood management plans for all sub-basins of Ganga, in respect of all concerned States including those tributaries flowing from Nepal to Bihar, and sent to the State Governments for their detailed investigation and implementation. The State Government of Bihar has been undertaking various flood management measures which have provided reasonable degree of protection to an area of 18.89 lakh ha. out of a flood prone area of 42.60 lakh ha. so far. The schemes are undertaken by the State out of the State plan funds depending on the interse priority decided by them.

The Central Government is also providing financial assistance to Bihar for implementing flood proofing programme in the State during 8th Plan which is proposed for continuation during 9th Plan. 98 flood proofing schemes have been cleared and an amount of Rs. 1.5 crore was released during 1995-96 to the State as advance for initiating the work. However so far the State Government has spent only Rs. 27 lakh. During 1996-97 this Ministry had provided for Rs. 7 crore but in view of poor expenditure, while finalising revised estimates, it has been reduced to Rs. 1 crore, the release of which would depend upon utilisation certificate for the year 1995-96.

The Central Government is also holding discussions with the His Majesty's Government of Nepal regarding construction of storage reservoirs and embankments on common rivers which would benefit both the countries. Extending embankments on Lalbakeya, Kamla, Bagmati and Khando rivers into Nepal territory are under active consideration and the work on Lalbakeya embankment is expected to start very early. Investigations for Sapta Kosi High Dam in Nepal are also expected to be taken up jointly with Nepal shortly. A joint project for setting up meteorological and hydro meteorological stations on common rivers with Nepal which would provide data for efficient flood forecasting on these rivers is under implementation.

RAJYA SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO.161.

TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.03.1997

FLOOD CONTROL IN BIHAR

***161.**

SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of **WATER RESOURCES**
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal under consideration to stop damage caused by floods in Bihar every year due to rivers flowing from Nepal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES

(SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA)

- (a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21ST FEBRUARY, 1997

CENTRAL FUND FOR FLOOD RELIEF TO TAMIL NADU

7. SHRI R.MARGABANDU:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE कृषि मंत्री
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central Government have released the entire fund demanded by the Tamil Nadu Government towards flood relief;
- (b) if not, whether it will not amount to discrimination between the States;
- (c) the details of the demands made by the States and funds provided, State-wise; and
- (d) whether entire funds have been fully utilised by the Tamil Nadu Government ?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

कृषि मंत्री

(SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA,)

(a)&(b): Government of India have already released its entire share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) for 1996-97 amounting to Rs.44.51 crores to Government of Tamil Nadu. A Memorandum has been received seeking additional assistance of Rs.621.55 crores from the National Fund for Calamity relief (NFCR) for relief and rehabilitation measures in the wake of heavy rains and floods of December, 1996. A Central Team visited the State on 27-31 December, 1996. Based on the report of the Team, the National Calamity relief Committee will decide about the quantum of additional assistance, if any, from the NFCR.

(c): A Statement indicating the demands made by different States for additional assistance and the funds provided for natural calamities during 1996-97 is given below:-

S.No.	State	RS. IN CRORES	
		Additional funds sought	Funds released from NFCR
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2819.37	142.00
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	110.53	3.00
3.	Assam	415.91	21.00
4.	Bihar	168.92	7.00
5.	Gujarat	497.78	-
6.	Haryana	145.36	-
7.	Himachal Pradesh	453.37	Under consideration
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	273.97	-
9.	Karnataka	621.55	-
10.	Kerala	342.00	-
11.	Madhya Pradesh	198.75	Under consideration
12.	Orissa	585.80	13.00
13.	Rajasthan	321.00	-
14.	Sikkim	43.92	Under consideration
15.	Tamil Nadu	621.55	-do-
16.	Uttar Pradesh	612.61	-do-
17.	West Bengal	309.00	-

(d): Does not arise as no funds have so far been released to the State Government from the National Fund for Calamity Relief.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

R A J Y A S A B H A

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.8

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21ST FEBRUARY, 1997

CENTRAL ASSISTANCE TO FLOOD VICTIMS OF KARNATAKA

2. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE कृषि मंत्री
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government of Karnataka has sought Rs.135 crores from Central Government to provide relief to persons affected by rains and floods in the State, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the action Government have taken in this regard; and
- (c) if not, the reasons for the delay?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

कृषि मंत्री

(SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA)

(a): A memorandum was received from the Government of Karnataka seeking additional assistance from the National Fund for Calamity Relief (NFCR) for relief and rehabilitation measures in the wake of floods during 1996. The memorandum indicated a loss of Rs.134.41 crores due to the floods.

(b)&(c): Government of India have already released their share of Calamity Relief Fund of Rs.31.39 crores for 1996-97 to the State Government for relief and rehabilitation measures in the flood affected areas. Any additional assistance from the NFCR can be released only in the wake of a calamity of rare severity. On the basis of the reported extent of damage and requirements of relief and rehabilitation, the situation was not considered a calamity of rare severity warranting any additional assistance from the NFCR.

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TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21ST FEBRUARY, 1997

NORMS FOR SANCTIONING FLOOD AND CYCLONE RELIEF TO STATES

15. SHRI V.P. DURAISAMY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
be pleased to state:

श्री वी.पी. दुरैसामी

- (a) the norms for sanctioning flood/cyclone relief to States by the Centre;
- (b) the quantum of flood/cyclone relief demanded by Tamil Nadu during the recent flood in the State;
- (c) the relief sanctioned by the Centre; and
- (d) the reasons for sanctioning lesser relief?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

श्री चतुरानन मिश्रा

(SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA)

(a): Under the existing scheme for financing relief expenditure, the Calamity Relief Fund for undertaking relief and rehabilitation measures in the wake of natural calamities was allocated by the Tenth Finance Commission to various States on the basis of the trend of such expenditure incurred by the State Governments during the last ten years. In the wake of a calamity of rare severity Government of India provide additional assistance from the National Fund for Calamity Relief.

(b): Government of Tamil Nadu have submitted a memorandum seeking additional assistance of Rs.621.55 crores from the National Fund for Calamity Relief (NFCR) in the wake of heavy rains and floods of December, 1996.

(c) & (d): Government of India have released Rs.44.51 crores to the State Government during the current year as their share of the Calamity Relief Fund. On receipt of the memorandum seeking additional assistance, a Central team was deputed to assess the situation. Based on the report of the Central Team, the National Calamity Relief Committee will shortly decide the quantum of additional assistance, if any, to be provided from the NFCR.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

R A J Y A S A B H A

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2874

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21ST MARCH, 1997

CRITERIA TO DECLARE VILLAGES AS DROUGHT-AFFECTED

2874. SHRI JAGANNATH SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
be pleased to state:

कृषि मंत्री

(a) the criteria laid down by Government to declare villages as drought-affected in case of damage to crops caused by scarce rains and heavy rains; and

(b) since when this scheme has been in vogue alongwith the criteria adopted at the time of commencement of this scheme as well as the criteria being followed at present for declaring drought-affected villages?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

कृषि मंत्री

(SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA)

(a)&(b): Declaration of villages as drought affected is a subject for the State Governments. The criteria for such declaration vary from State to State. The State Governments take into account damage to crops caused by inadequate or heavy rains while considering the issue in terms of the provisions contained in the State Relief Manuals or other Government orders on the subject. Generally, villages which suffer crop loss of 50% or more compared to the normal are treated as adversely affected. The following factors are also taken into consideration while declaring villages/blocks/tehsils as drought affected:

- (i) The availability and prices of foodgrains and fodder.
- (ii) The state of employment and trends in wages.
- (iii) Unusual movements of labour from rural areas.
- (iv) Other factors indicating signs of distress.

This system has been in force in different States from different times.

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L O K S A B H A
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3707
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 18TH MARCH, 1997

DROUGHT AFFECTED AREAS OF MAHARASHTRA

3707. SHRI DATTA MEGHE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE कृषि मंत्री
be pleased to state:

- (a) the drought affected places in Maharashtra due to non-occurrence of rains;
- (b) the average rainfall recorded in these areas and the quantum of rainfall recorded there this year;
- (c) the extent of damage caused to crops as a result of low rainfall; and
- (d) the amount allocated for such drought affected areas?

A N S W E R
THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

कृषि मंत्री

(SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA)

(a): According to information received from the Government of Maharashtra, 1906 villages in six districts are affected by drought conditions in varying degrees due to deficient rainfall during South-West Monsoon, 1996. The details of the districts and the affected villages are given below:-

Sl. No.	District	No. of affected villages
1.	Raigarh	2
2.	Dhule	89
3.	Ahmednagar	150
4.	Bhandara	1097
5.	Chandrapur	355
6.	Gadchiroli	213
Total:		1906

(b): The India Meteorological Department has reported the following data about the normal and actual rainfall in the affected districts:-

Sl. No.	District	Normal rainfall (in mm)	Actual rainfall (in mm)
1.	Raigarh	3293.1	2590.4
2.	Dhule	666.9	646.6
3.	Ahmednagar	438.1	529.7
4.	Bhandara	1280.4	790.4
5.	Chandrapur	1179.5	767.2
6.	Gadchiroli	1345.3	989.9

(c): The inadequate rainfall has resulted in crop losses of over 50% in 1906 villages.

(d): Government of Maharashtra have allocated Rs.30.00 crores for emergency water supply and Rs.65.00 lakh for fodder supply in the areas affected by drought.

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RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1938.

TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.03.1997

TISTA BARRAGE PROJECT

1938. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES
be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount of Central assistance so far allocated for the first sub-stage of the Tista Barrage Project; and
- (b) the present status of the project, and by when the same is likely to be completed ?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES

(SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA)

(a) Teesta Project received special Central Assistance of Rs. 5.00 crores in 1983-84 and Rs.10.00 crores each in the years 1986-87 and 1987-88. Additional Central Assistance (A.C.A.) of Rs. 150.00 crores has been approved during VIII Plan. Further C.L.A. of Rs. 10 crores was sanctioned for the project under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) in 1996-97, out of which Rs.5 crores was released as the first instalment.

(b) The present status of the project is given in the statement attached. The completion of the project will depend upon the priority attached to it by the State Government. Against an estimated cost of Rs. 695 crores at 1990 price level the total anticipated expenditure upto 1994-95 is about Rs.593.00 crores.

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Statement referred to in para (b) of Unstarred Question
No. 1938 to be answered on 12-3-97 in Rajya Sabha.

PHYSICAL STATUS OF TEESTA PROJECT

Sl. No.	Item of work	Unit	Total estimated Quantity.	Qty. executed upto 6/96
1.	Teesta Barrage :		Completed in May, 1987	
2.	Mahananda Barrage :		Completed in May, 1987	
3.	Dauk Nagar Barrage :		Completed in 10/89	
4.	<u>Teesta Mahananda Link Canal (25.79 Km.)</u> Completed except 2 nos. bridge for which sites be decided by the Forest department.			
5.	<u>Mahananda Main Canal (32.22 Km.)</u>			
i)	Earthwork	Kms.	32.22	32.22
ii)	Lining	Kms.	32.22	32.17
iii)	Structures	Nos.	55	54
6.	<u>Dauk Nagar Main Canal (79.80 Km.)</u>			
i)	Earthwork	Kms.	79.80	60.00
ii)	Lining	Kms.	79.80	50.67
iii)	Structures	Nos.	133	63
7.	<u>Nagar Tangaon Main Canal (45 Km.)</u>			
i)	Earthwork)	Not yet taken up.	
ii)	Lining)		
iii)	Structures)		
8.	<u>Teesta Jaldhaka Main Canal (30.35 Km.)</u>			
i)	Earthwork	Kms.	30.35	18.64
ii)	Lining	Kms.	30.35	11.88
iii)	Structures	Nos.	50	10

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1936.

TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.03.1997

COMPENSATION TO PEOPLE AFFECTED BY
SUVERNAREKHA PROJECT IN BIHAR

1936. SHRI GYAN RANJAN:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the Western Singhbhum district of Bihar, land of 118 villages has been acquired for the Suvarnarekha multipurpose project;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Suvarnarekha dam was constructed and arrangement for compensation, rehabilitation, development Housing grant etc. have not been made for the people who were affected due to this dam;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the World Bank has expressed its dissatisfaction over non-payment of amount of compensation etc. to the affected families;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to pay compensation and make arrangement for rehabilitation, housing grant, etc. to the thousand of families affected by this dam; and

(e) if so, by when; and if not, the reasons therefor?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES
(SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA)

(a) & (b) 116 villages are likely to be affected by the completion of the Subarnrekha Multi Purpose Project which includes 18 villages in the already completed Phase-I of the Project. An amount of about Rs. 7275 lakhs has been paid against an estimated amount of Rs.9070 lakhs for land acquisition etc.

(c) to (e) The World Bank Mission during their visit in July, 1993 was satisfied with the work of rehabilitation and resettlement done by the Government of Bihar. The completion of the balance works will depend upon the priority attached to them by ^{the} State Government.

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RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1933.

TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.03.1997

IRRIGATION PROJECT DISPUTES BETWEEN

ANDHRA PRADESH AND ORISSA

1933. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES
be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of outstanding disputes between Andhra Pradesh and Orissa over irrigation projects like Vamsadhara, Jherjavathi and Bahuda; and
- (b) the measures taken to persuade the State Governments to solve the disputes amicably?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES

(SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA)

(a)&(b) Neradi Barrage, a component of Vamsadhara Stage-II as proposed by Government of Andhra Pradesh was likely to submerge 1326 acres of land in Orissa against 106 acres agreed by Government of Orissa. Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted a modified proposal in February, 1996 wherein Neradi Barrage was not included thus eliminating submergence of the Orissa territory. However, concurrence of Orissa Government to the modified proposal has not been received.

The dispute between the Governments of Andhra Pradesh and Orissa on Jhanjawati Project is regarding demarcation of inter-state boundary for assessment of actual area of submergence.

The project report on Bahuda project prepared by the Government of Andhra Pradesh was not in accordance with the inter-State agreement with Orissa which inter alia specifies that storage in Andhra Pradesh on Bahuda river would not involve any submergence of Orissa territory, but allows Andhra Pradesh construction of some ancillary works needed for functioning of the storage scheme on Orissa territory. Modified report is still awaited from Government of Andhra Pradesh.

A number of official level meetings have been held in Central Water Commission with the officials of State Governments of Andhra Pradesh and Orissa to resolve the above issue.

The Chief Ministers of Andhra Pradesh and Orissa have also met in June, 1992 and again in December, 1994 to resolve the issues. The last Ministerial level meeting between the two States on this was held on 1.2.97 at Bhubaneswar.

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RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1932.

TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.03.1997

EFFECT OF GANGA WATER TREATY ON
CALCUTTA PORT

1932. SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV:

SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the recent Ganga Water sharing treaty with Bangladesh would spell disaster for the Calcutta port;
- (b) whether Government propose to maintain guaranteed supply of Water for Calcutta port during the months from January to May;
- (c) whether Bangladesh and India would benefit keeping in view the fact that the flow of water in the river had gone down recently; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES
(SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Sharing of the Ganga/Ganges waters at Farakka by 10 day periods from 1st January to 31st May every year will be with reference to the formula in the Treaty.

(c) & (d) The Treaty is expected to benefit both the countries. The sharing arrangement under the Treaty shall be reviewed by the two Governments at Five Years interval or earlier as required by either party and needed adjustments, based on principles of equity, fairness and no harm to either party made thereto, if necessary. It would be open to either party to seek the first review after two years to assess the impact and working of the sharing arrangement. Thus appraisal of workability and flows will be possible after Joint Observations are carried out for two years.

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RAJYA SABHA

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TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.03.1997

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A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES
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RAJYA SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO.39.

(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 24TH JULY, 1997)

FINDINGS OF THE ENQUIRY INTO THE AMARNATH TRAGEDY

*39. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER प्रधान मंत्री
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that compensation for all the deceased in the last year's Amarnath tragedy has not been paid;
- (b) if so, what is the status of compensation as on date, given both by the Jammu and Kashmir Government and the Central Government; and
- (c) what were the findings of the investigation into the tragedy?

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कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत और पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री श्री एस.आर.बालसुब्रमणियन

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS.

(SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN)

(a) to (c):- A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

§ 24 जुलाई, 1997 को उत्तर के लिये §

अपरान्ध आसदी की जांच के निष्कर्ष

x39- श्री संजय निरुपम :

क्या प्रधानमंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

§ क § क्या यह सच है कि गत वर्ष की अपरान्ध आसदी में मृत सभी व्यक्तियों को मुआवजा नहीं दिया गया है :

§ ख § यदि हां, तो जम्मा और कश्मीर सरकार तथा केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा आज तक दिए गए मुआवजे की स्थिति क्या है : और

§ ग § इस आसदी की जांच के क्या निष्कर्ष निकले ?

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STATEMENT AS REFERRED TO IN ANSWER TO
RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 39
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.7.97

(a)&(b): A total of 243 persons had died during the Amarnath Yatra tragedy in August 1996. An ex-gratia relief of Rs.2 lakhs per deceased pilgrim is being disbursed to the next of kin by the concerned State Government authorities. The Government have released, till date, an amount of Rs.372 lakhs to the various State Governments towards payment of ex-gratia relief to the families of 186 pilgrims whose bodies have been identified so far. This amount is being shared at 3:1 ratio between the Prime Minister's Relief Fund and Government of Jammu & Kashmir. In addition, Government of Jammu & Kashmir has released the ex-gratia relief for 5 security force personnel who had also died during the tragedy which has been disbursed through the concerned Force Headquarters. The State-wise details of the amount placed at the disposal of concerned State Government for disbursement to next of kin of the deceased pilgrims is given at Annexure

(c) The Government had appointed Dr. Nitish Sengupta as Inquiry Officer to look into the various aspects of the tragedy and also to suggest measures to ensure proper and adequate arrangements to avoid recurrence of such incidents in future. Dr. Sengupta, in his report submitted to the Government on 2.12.1996, had made a number of recommendations for ensuring a smooth Yatra in future. A copy of the report was laid on the Table of the House on 18th December, 1996.

सरकार ने आसदी के विभिन्न पहलुओं की जांच करने तथा मविप में ऐसी घटनाओं की पुनरावृत्ति से बचने के लिए उचित एवं पर्याप्त प्रकल्प सुनिश्चित करने के लिए उपाय सुझाने के लिए भी डॉ. नीतीश कुमार सेनगुप्ता को जांच अधिकारी नियुक्त किया था। 2.12.1996 को प्रस्तुत अपनी रिपोर्ट में डॉ. सेनगुप्ता ने मविप में यात्रा का सुचारु ढंग से संपन्न होना सुनिश्चित करने के लिए अनेक सिफारिशों की थीं। रिपोर्ट की एक प्रतिलिपि सदन के पत्र पर 18 दिसम्बर, 1996 को रखी गई थी।

§ ग:- सरकार ने आसदी के विभिन्न पहलुओं की जांच करने तथा मविप में ऐसी घटनाओं की पुनरावृत्ति से बचने के लिए उचित एवं पर्याप्त प्रकल्प सुनिश्चित करने के लिए उपाय सुझाने के लिए भी डॉ. नीतीश कुमार सेनगुप्ता को जांच अधिकारी नियुक्त किया था। 2.12.1996 को प्रस्तुत अपनी रिपोर्ट में डॉ. सेनगुप्ता ने मविप में यात्रा का सुचारु ढंग से संपन्न होना सुनिश्चित करने के लिए अनेक सिफारिशों की थीं। रिपोर्ट की एक प्रतिलिपि सदन के पत्र पर 18 दिसम्बर, 1996 को रखी गई थी।

§ और:- अगस्त, 1996 में हुई अमरनाथ यात्रा आसदी के दौरान कुल 243 व्यक्ति मारे गए। संबंधित राज्य सरकारों के प्राधिकारियों द्वारा प्रत्येक मूल तीर्थयात्री के निकटतम संबंधी को 2 लाख रु० की अग्रुथ-राहत दी जा रही है। सरकार ने अभी तक उन 186 तीर्थयात्रियों जिनके शकों की अब तक शिनाहत कर ली गई है, के परिवारों को अग्रुथ राहत का भुगतान करने के लिए विभिन्न राज्य सरकारों को 372 लाख रु० की राशि जारी की है। यह राशि प्रधानमंत्री राहत कोष तथा जम्मू एवं कश्मीर सरकार की ओर से 3:1 के अनुपात में बांटे जा रही है। इसके अलावा, जम्मू एवं कश्मीर सरकार ने इस आसदी के दौरान मारे गए सुरक्षा बल के 5 कर्मियों के लिए भी अग्रुथ राहत जारी की है जो कि संबंधित बल मुख्यालयों के माध्यम से वितरित की जा चुकी है। मूल तीर्थ यात्रियों के निकटतम संबंधियों में सर्वोपरि हेतु संबंधित राज्य सरकारों को दी गई राशि का राज्य वार

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT SHOWING STATEWISE DISBURSEMENT OF EX-GRATIA RELIEF FOR DECEASED PILGRIMS OF AMARNATH YATRA TRAGEDY IN 1996

Sl.No.	Name of State	Amount placed at the disposal of State Govt.
(Rupees in Lakhs)		
1.	Andhra Pradesh	16
2.	Bihar	4
3.	Delhi	46
4.	Gujarat	100
5.	Haryana	16
6.	Himachal Pradesh	2
7.	Karnataka	4
8.	Maharashtra	26
9.	Madhya Pradesh	22
10.	Orissa	4
11.	Punjab	22
12.	Rajasthan	10
13.	Tamil Nadu	2
14.	Uttar Pradesh	44
15.	West Bengal	12
16.	J&K	42
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सौवितरण को दर्शाने वाला विवरण ।

क्रम सं० राज्य का नाम राज्य सरकार को दी गई राशि

₹ लाख रु० में ₹

1.	आन्ध्र प्रदेश	16
2.	बिहार	4
3.	दिल्ली	46
4.	गुजरात	100
5.	हरियाणा	16
6.	हिमाचल प्रदेश	2
7.	कर्नाटक	4
8.	महाराष्ट्र	26
9.	मध्य प्रदेश	22
10.	उड़ीसा	4
11.	पंजाब	22
12.	राजस्थान	10
13.	तमिलनाडु	2
14.	उत्तर प्रदेश	44
15.	पश्चिम बंगाल	12
16.	जम्मू और कश्मीर	42