

## LOK SABHA DEBATES

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Thursday, April 9, 1992/Chaitra 20, 1914  
(Saka)

The Lok Sabha met at  
Eleven of the Clock

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

[Translation]

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN (Rosera):  
Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to point out that we are holding Nyay Jyoti Yatra and as such not coming to attend the House. We have come here only to draw the attention of the Government towards one thing. The hon. Home Minister, Shankaranandji and Shri Kesariji are present here. The Government has done an excellent job by declaring 14th April, the birth anniversary of Babasaheb Ambedkar as a public holiday but at the same time this has not been declared as a public holiday in public sector and public sector undertakings etc. and the U.P.S.C. examinations would be conducted on that day as scheduled. In the light of this we would urge the Government that this holiday becomes meaningless if a discriminatory attitude is adopted.

We would urge the Government to declare Baba Saheb Ambedkar's birthday as a holiday for all sectors. There is consensus in the entire House on this point. (*Interruptions*)

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS  
(SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): We will try to cover Public Sector and Public Sector Undertakings under Negotiable Instruments Act.

11.01 hrs.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

### Relief to Drought Affected States

\*613. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE:  
SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the States/Union Territories at present affected by drought;

(b) the estimated loss caused thereby to crops and livestock in each affected State/Union Territory; and

(c) the Central assistance sought by each such State/Union Territory and the amount actually released so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI  
MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to  
(c). A Statement is laid on the Table of the  
Sabha.