

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO) : (a) On 1.10.85, the Food Corporation of India and the State agencies were holding stocks which were in excess of the stocks required under the Buffer Stocking Policy of the Government.

(b) As on 30.9.85, 22.90 lakh tonnes of wheat was stored in CAP (Covered and Plinth) by the Food Corporation of India. There is no instance when paddy was not procured by the Food Corporation of India for want of storage space.

(c) and (d) The steps taken to increase the off-take of wheat are as under :

1. Increased issues to workers in NREP/RLEGP schemes, and to other weaker sections at concessional prices.
2. Sale of wheat at a fixed price in the open market.
3. Permitting limited export of wheat by the Food Corporation of India and private parties.
4. Liberalised issues in public distribution system and for roller flour mills.
5. Formulating schemes for issues in welfare schemes.

#### Drought in Gujarat and Maharashtra

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SHRI U.H. PATEL :  
SHRI RANJITSINGH GAEKWAD :  
SHRIMATI PATEL RAMABEN RAMJIBHAI MAVANI :  
SHRI NARSINH MAKWANA :  
SHRI C.D. GAMIT :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether many Districts in Gujarat and Maharashtra are in the grip of severe drought conditions;

(b) if so, their number and names;

(c) the Central assistance provided to these States ;

(d) whether any long term plans have been drawn up to end chronic drought condition in the States; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) and (b) According to the Governments of Gujarat and Maharashtra, 17 districts in Gujarat and 14 districts in Maharashtra have been affected due to drought during South West Monsoon period this year. The names of the affected districts are given in the statement given below.

(c) The Govt. of Maharashtra have submitted memoranda twice during 1985-86. In response to the first memorandum, a ceiling of Central assistance of Rs. 34.50 crores has been sanctioned. In response to the second memorandum, a Central Team would visit the State shortly. However, an amount of Rs. 28.62 crores has been released as Ways and Means advance and Central share of Margin Money, for meeting the emergent expenditure, pending the issue of final sanction of Central assistance.

The Govt. of Gujarat have submitted a memorandum seeking Central assistance for drought relief. A Central Team had visited the State from 7th to 10th November, 1985 and its report is awaited. Pending the issue of sanction of Central assistance, a sum of Rs. 14.37 crores as Central share of margin money has been released, as Ways and Means advance.

(d) & (e) A number of long term measures have been taken by the Government of India for reducing incidence and intensity of drought conditions. These measures include increasing the areas under irrigation, Drought Prone Area Programme, Desert Development Programme, Soil and Water Conservation Programme, Dryland Farming, Crop Insurance, Afforestation

Development of Improved and Drought Resistent Variety of Seeds, National Rural Eemployment Programme. Guarantee Programme, Rural Landless Employment, Drinking Water Programme and Small and Marginal Farmers assistance Programme.

### Statement

#### A. GUJARAT

##### Names of the affected district

1. Amroli
2. Junagadh
3. Bhavnagar
4. Rajkot
5. Jamnagar
6. Surendranagar
7. Kachchh
8. Banaskantha
9. Mehsana
10. Sabarkantha
11. Ahmedabad
12. Gandhinagar
13. Kheda
14. Panchamahals
15. Vadodara
16. Bharuch
17. Surat

#### B. MAHARASHTRA

1. Nashik
2. Dhule
3. Ahmednagar
4. Jalgaon
5. Sangli
6. Pune
7. Satara
8. Aurangabad

9. Beed
10. Nanded
11. Osmanabad
12. Jalna
13. Latur
14. Parbhani

#### Computers For Designing Water Supply and Sewerage Disposal Schemes

156. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that computers will be used for designing water supply schemes and sewerage disposal schemes in the main cities of the country ;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether this will improve the present system of working and when this is going to commence ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) & (b) Computers are already being used by Water Supply and Sanitation Sector agencies or their consultants for designing of water supply and sewerage systems in some large cities. The Government of India has sponsored training courses on designing of water distribution system based on the mainframe computer at Anna University, Madras. It is also proposed to run training courses on application of computer technology for designing water supply distribution network at selected centres in the country with the assistance of UNDP/World Bank.

(c) The use of computer in designing distribution network will help in proper evaluation of alternative networks and result in economies.

The first training programme on computer technology in urban water supply design with UNDP/World Bank assistance is likely to be held in February, 86.