

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS: (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). The State Government of Madhya Pradesh have drawn up an Action Plan for providing immediate relief to the people of affected districts. The plan has been prepared for a period of 5 years and the total requirement of funds for implementing various schemes is Rs. 71875.37 lakhs.

(c) and (d). In the discussions held in this Ministry in this regard, it was decided that the Action plans prepared by the affected State Governments would be examined by the Joint Coordination Committee (JCC) and then incorporated by the respective States in their 8th Plan proposals. The Planning Commission while finalising the States' Plans would consider these proposals favourably within the approved formula of Central assistance.

[English]

**Compensation for Death in Police/
Government custody**

2708. SHRI ARJUN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has fixed the amount of compensation to be paid to the next of kin of persons dying in police/Government custody;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken to implement the verdict?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (c). This Ministry is not aware of the Supreme Court judgement laying down a uniform pattern for payment of compensation amount in the cases of death of persons in police/government custody.

Issuance of Identity Cards

2709. SHRI SOBHANJ ADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government propose to issue identity cards to the citizens with complete information relating to the citizen for identification purpose during Elections, transaction with financial institutions etc; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). Identity cards are being issued in specified border areas with a view to register benefice residents, to collect reliable information regarding status of residents and to check movement of visitors who stay for more than thirty days.

[Translation]

Fall in Prices of Kharif crops

2710. SHRI SURAJBHANU SOLANKI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of paddy, Jowar, bazra, macca and ragi per quintal have fallen down during the last three months;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure the farmers do not suffer as a result of fall in prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c). The prices of rice, Jawar, bajra, macca and ragi have shown a rising trend during the last three months as may be observed from the following table:-