

found neither justified nor feasible at present.

[English]

Drought in Maharashtra

6074. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL:
SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT:
SHRI BAPU HARI CHAURE: Will the

Minister of Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the districts facing drought in Maharashtra at present;

(b) the central assistance sought by the state Government and the amount actually released during 1992-93;

(c) Whether any Central team has visited the drought affected areas during the said period; and

(d) the follow-up action taken by the Government on the report of the Central team?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) As per information received from the Government of Maharashtra, 11 districts, namely: Nashik, Ahmednagar, Pune, Singli, Satara, Solapur, Latur, Osmanabad, Nagpur, Bhandra and Wardha are facing drought conditions.

(b): The state Government has not submitted any memorandum seeking additional Central assistance for undertaking drought relief measures. The Central Government has released its entire share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) amounting to Rs. 33.00 crores during the year 1992-93.

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

Bi-Lateral Cooperation in Agriculture

6075. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased

to state:

(a) whether Government have established pi-lateral co-operation with foreign countries in the field of Agriculture; and

(b) if so, the names of the countries indicating the details of the bi-lateral co-operation established with them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) : Yes, Sir.

(b): Agreements for bilateral cooperation in the field of agriculture have been entered into with Netherlands, France, the former Soviet Union, Cyprus, Nepal, China, Philippines Syria and Indonesia. These Agreements, *inter-alia*, provide for exchange of scientific information and material, exchange of trainees and scientists, organisation of exhibitions, study visits and workshops, joint agricultural research programmes on subjects of mutual interest. In addition to the activities being carried out under these Agreements, a number of other projects in the area of Animal Husbandry, Fisheries, Soil Conservation, Agriculture Extension etc. are also being implemented through bilateral assistance from Denmark, United Kingdom, Italy, Germany, Switzerland, Netherlands, Norway, Japan and Bulgaria. The Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries Programme (TCDC) also envisages mutual assistance among developing countries through study visits, extension of training facilities and exchange of scientific material information etc.

[Translation]

Damage to Crops by Drought

6076. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRAŞAD:
SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF
FATMI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state: (a) whether the Government have established pi-lateral co-operation with foreign countries in the field of Agriculture; and (b) if so, the names of the countries indicating the details of the bi-lateral co-operation established with them?