

**Starvation death in Andhra Pradesh  
and Karnataka**

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the three-year old drought in the States of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka has taken a heavy toll of lives of the poor, old and destitute;

(b) whether Government are also aware of the large scale starvation deaths in these States;

(c) if so, the total number of deaths so far reported in these States and the reasons for delay in providing help to them;

(d) whether any reports have been received by Union Government from these States; if so, the action taken by Government thereon;

(e) the financial assistance made available to these States; and

(f) whether State Government have urged Union Government to sanction additional amount for relief purposes; and if so, the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA : (a) to (d) No reports of starvation deaths due to drought have been received from the States of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka.

(e) and (f) No memorandum seeking

Central assistance for tackling drought has been received from the Government of Karnataka in this year. The Government of Andhra Pradesh have submitted a memorandum in the last week of October, 1986 seeking Central assistance for tackling drought situation. The Memorandum is being processed expeditiously in accordance with the established procedure. For tackling drought in the crop year 1985-86, a ceiling of expenditure of Rs. 103.14 crores (to be utilised by 30th September, 1986) was approved for Andhra Pradesh and Rs. 112.46 crores (to be utilised by 30th September, 1986) for Karnataka.

**Adverse effect of scanty rainfall on  
rabi crop in Karnataka**

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether rainfall in Karnataka during August-September this year had been very low in comparison to the last year;

(b) whether the shortage of rainfall had further affected the rabi crop in Karnataka;

(c) the total loss suffered due to the shortage of rains in the State;

(d) the steps taken to meet the situation, and

(e) whether any proposal has been forwarded by the State Government to the Union Government to meet the shortage of foodgrains ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) and (b) According to the reports received from the India Meteorological Department, rainfall in all the three Sub-divisions of Karnataka