

(b) Does not arise.

**Drought Resistant Varieties of Food Crops**

3985. SHRI SITARAM J. GAVALI :  
SARI DHARAM PAL SINGH  
MALIK :  
SHRI M. RAGHUMA REDDY :  
SHRI SUBHASH YADAV :  
SHRI PRAKASH CHANDRA :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether measures have been taken to develop drought resistant varieties of food crops and to optimise the agricultural yield in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARI KRISHNA SHASTRI) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The details of the drought resistant varieties and improved production technologies are given in the Statements I and II respectively laid on the Table of the House.

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**Visit of Central Team to Drought Affected States**

3986. SHRI SITARAM J. GAVALI :  
SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA  
GAVIT :  
SHRI M. RAGHUMA REDDY :  
SHRI MANIK REDDY :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the composition of each of the Central Team which visited the drought affected States;

(b) the main recommendations made by each Central Team;

(c) the extent of damage caused to land, cattle and human beings, State-wise;

(d) whether any State has made any additional demand besides the assistance already made available; and

(e) if so, the action taken by Union Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) The composition of the Central team which visited the States affected by drought of 87 is given in Statement I laid on the Table of the House.

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(b) On the basis of report of Central team and recommendations of High Level Committee on Relief Central assistance has been extended to the affected States. Statement II laid on the Table of the House [Placed in Library See No. LT-5759/88]. gives the State-wise details of assistance approved for drought relief so far, for drought of 87.

(c) The State-wise details of extent of damages due to drought of 87 as reported in the memoranda submitted by the State Governments, are given in the Statement III laid on the Table of the House.

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(d) and (e). Additional demands over and above the ceilings of expenditure already approved for drought relief have been received from Orissa for the period upto March, 1988 and from the States of Haryana and Rajasthan for the period upto June/July, 1988. While additional Central assistance in the case of Orissa has been approved, the requests of Rajasthan and Haryana will be considered in accordance with the established procedure.

**Oilseeds Production**

3987. SHRI S.G. GHOLAP : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the per hectare yield of groundnut, cotton seeds, soyabean and copra in India; and

(b) the highest yield per hectare in other countries ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) and (b). The per hectare yields of groundnut, cottonseed and soya-bean in India (relating to the year 1985-86), alongwith the highest yields achieved in major producing countries (for the year 1986) are given below :