

**Central Grant to Cyclone Affected
Tamil Nadu**

883. SHRI R. KOLANTHAIVELU:
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of assistance given to Tamil Nadu Government for dealing with the unprecedented havoc caused by cyclone; and

(b) whether in view of the damage due to cyclone being a national calamity, increased assistance by way of grants is proposed instead of merely advance plan assistance?

THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) A sum of Rs. 29.31 crores has been allocated to Tamil Nadu Government towards advance Plan assistance during the current financial year for cyclone relief.

(b) Considering the magnitude of the recent cyclone in Tamil Nadu, 10,000 tonnes of rice and 10,000 tonnes of wheat have been sanctioned as grant to Tamil Nadu to be distributed, free of cost, to the cyclone affected people. Besides, it has also been ensured that the next year's plan of Tamil Nadu

is not affected due to the advance plan assistance sanctioned for cyclone relief.

**Production and Consumption of Pulses,
Gram and Foodgrains**

884. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) production and per capita consumption of various pulses including grams and each variety of coarse foodgrains, year-wise during the last 3 years; and

(b) factors responsible for rise or fall in production and consumption of these items during this period?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) Two statements giving the production of various pulses and coarse grains as well as per capita availability of gram, other pulses, total pulses and coarse grains during the three years 1974-75 to 1976-77, are attached.

(b) Fluctuations in production of pulses and coarse grains were mainly due to varying weather conditions from year to year, as these crops are grown largely on dry lands. Variations in availability were due to fluctuations in production.

Statement I

All-India Estimates of production of Pulses and Coarse Grains (Crop-wise) during the last three years

(Thousand tonnes)

Crops	1974-75	1975-76	1976-77
Pulses			
Gram	4015	5879	5366
Tur	1834	2099	1646
Other Pulses	4165	5061	4196
Coarse Grains			
Jowar	10414	9504	10396
Bajra	3272	5736	5728
Maize	5559	7256	6257
Ragi	2136	2797	2178
Small Millots	1613	1924	1638
Barley	3135	3192	12296