

**Preparedness for Floods, a Model Manual on Management of Drought and Guidelines for preparation of new relief Manuals as well as for reviewing/updating of existing relief manuals for dealing with natural calamities.**

(2) Margin money with the States supplemented by Advance Plan Assistance in the case of drought and grant assistance in case of floods.

(3) Prime Minister's 12-Point Programme for drought management.

(4) Introduction of Drought Prone Areas and Desert Development Programmes.

(5) Taking up flood control works.

Besides the above measures, the Government of India have decided to arrange for more frequent visits by Central Teams and have the utilisation of Central assistance to the States affected by natural calamities monitored by them. Releases of Central assistance are made in instalments after reviewing the progress of expenditure on relief. Inter-sectoral modifications are also considered at the request of the State Governments.

(b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House. Placed in Library. (See No. LT-2391/81).

#### **Free Boarding and Lodging for Scheduled Caste Students**

7858. SHRI RAM SWARUP RAM: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to provide free boarding, free lodging to the Scheduled Caste students from 1st Class to X Class level in order to bring them at par in educational sphere in the society.

(b) whether any provision has been made towards this in the ensuing financial year and also in the Sixth Five Year Plan; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN):** (a) to (c). The Ministry of Education is not considering any scheme for providing free boarding and lodging to the Scheduled Caste students from Class I to X level, since the main responsibility of providing such facilities rests with the State Governments.

However, this Ministry provides Rural Talent Scholarships to Scheduled Castes at the rate of one per Community Development Block with an additional one to such Community Development Blocks, which have 20 per cent or more Scheduled Caste population. The rate of scholarship is Rs. 600 per annum. For this, a total provision of Rs. 156.00 lakhs has been made for the Sixth Plan period and Rs. 30 lakhs have been provided for 1981-82.

Besides, a sum of Rs. 13 crores have been provided in the Central Sector for the construction of hostels for girls belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes in the Sixth Plan. This is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with 50 per cent Central assistance.

**गाजीपुर में गौसपुर से बलिया-बैरिया बांध तक तटबंध (पुस्त) बनाया जाना**

7859. श्री जैनुज बहार : क्या सिंचाई मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार को बाढ़ नियंत्रण के उद्देश्य से उत्तर प्रदेश में गाजीपुर जिले में गौसपुर बलिया मार्ग पर गौसपुर से बलिया-बैरिया बांध तक तटबंध के निर्माण के लिये वित्तीय सहायता उपलब्ध की है, और यदि हां, तो दी गई सहायता की राशि क्या है ?

(ख) क्या सरकार जानती है कि गंगा में बाढ़ के समय सड़क और नदी के बीच के गांध, इस तटबंध के निर्माण के कारण नष्ट हो जाएंगे ;