

**Central Aid asked for given to drought Affected States**

954. SHRI B. D. SINGH:  
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the Central assistance given to the State Governments, State-wise, affected by drought during 1980 as against assistance asked for by them;

(b) whether the concerned State Governments have asked for Central assistance for the implementation of their long term and short term plans in the drought prone areas; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the assistance proposed to be given by the Centre for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) During the year 1980-81, the States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh have been effected by drought in varying degrees. A statement showing assistance given by the Government of India to these States during 1980-81 to meet the

drought situation as against the assistance asked for by them is attached vide Statement I.

(b) and (c). The short term measures for which the States mentioned in reply to part (a) of this question, sought Central assistance covered organising gratuitous relief, arranging drinking water supply, supply of fodder, provision of medical cover, providing gainful employment to the agricultural labourers, rehabilitation measures for the small and marginal farmers etc. The approved ceilings of expenditure shown in statement I covered these items.

The long term measures for which Central assistance given to the different States are under the Drought Prone Area Programme and the Desert Development Programme. The main objective of the Drought Prone Area Programme is to immunise the drought prone areas from recurring drought and cycles of scarcity and to improve the economy of the drought prone areas through a package of infrastructural and on-farm development activities while the Desert Development Programme aims at the integrated development of the desert areas and also the cold arid regions of the country. Statement-I showing allocation of funds for different States for these two programmes is attached

**Statement-I**

Central assistance given to the States affected by drought during the year 1980-81  
(Referred to Part (a) of the Question)

(Rs. in crores)

(Foodgrains in lakh Metric Tonnes)

States	Assistance asked for by the State Govt. (Rs.)	Ceiling of Addl. expenditure approved by the Govt. of India (Rs.)	Short term Loan (Rs.)	Food for Work Programme (Normal & Special Food-grains)	National Rural Employment Programme		
					Food grains allocation	Cash assistance	Wage Support
					Material support (Rs.)		(Rs.)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1. Andhra Pradesh							
1st Visit	67.67	19.64	} 26.00	0.63	0.42	7.39	2.365
2nd visit	159.33	23.33					

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
2. Bihar .	92.89	24.82	13.00	1.10	0.54	9.48	3.035
3. Gujarat .	42.98	6.12	8.00	0.10	0.125	2.18	0.699
4. Haryana .	38.79	4.02*	12.00	0.20	0.035	0.565	0.18
5. Himachal Pradesh .	18.80	10.01	1.00	0.18	0.025	0.385	0.124
6. Karnataka .	205.21	@	12.00	0.135	0.185	3.26	1.044
7. Madhya Pradesh .	34.95	47.90	19.00	1.99	0.295	5.22	1.671
8. Maharashtra	28.62	†	11.00	0.40	0.32	5.58	1.784
9. Orissa .	56.68	17.39	8.00	0.82	0.184	3.22	1.03
10. Rajasthan	59.46	20.11	16.50	1.10	0.104	1.82	0.572
1st visit .	59.46	20.11					
2nd visit .	61.38	20.20					
11. Uttar Pradesh	122.23	47.52	39.00	1.95	0.745	13.04	4.174
Total .	1048.99	241.06	165.50	8.605	2.979	42.14	16.678

Haryana\* Rs. 1.00 crores also approved for on-going and other approved Irrigation works but the expenditure will be met from the saving in the earmarked Plan provision in the Annual Plan for Sutlej-Jamuna Link Canal.

Karnataka@ The recommendations of the High Level Committee on Relief on the report of the Central team which visited Karnataka from the 29th to 31st December, 1980 are under consideration of the Ministry of Finance.

Maharashtra† The report of the Central team which visited Maharashtra from 9th to 11th February, 1981 is under consideration.

#### Statement-II

Statement showing allocation of funds for the Drought Prone Area Programme and the Desert Development Programme for the year 1980-81 [Referred to in reply to parts (b) & (c) of question].

(Rs. in lakhs)

State	Drought Prone Area Programme	Desert Development Programme
1	2	3
Andhra Pradesh . . . . .	570.00	
Bihar . . . . .	427.50	
Gujarat . . . . .	307.50	65.08

1	2	3
Haryana . . . . .	97.50	153.81
Jammu & Kashmir . . . . .	97.50	59.16
Himachal Pradesh . . . . .	—	25.00
Karnataka . . . . .	345.00	—
Madhya Pradesh . . . . .	315.00	—
Maharashtra . . . . .	315.00	—
Orissa . . . . .	187.50	—
Rajasthan . . . . .	592.50	496.95
Tamil Nadu . . . . .	360.00	—
Uttar Pradesh . . . . .	375.00	—
West Bengal . . . . .	262.50	—
Total . . . . .	4,252.50	800.00

**Setting up of fruit preservation Factory by Modern Bakeries**

955. SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Modern Bakeries propose to set up a fruit preservation and processing factory in Kachar; and

(b) if so, the details in regard to the selection of site and production capacity of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) and (b): The Modern Bakeries (India) Limited are exploring the possibility of setting up a fruit processing factory in North Eastern Region. However, details of the project, including location, production capacity etc., are still under finalisation by the Company.

**Damage of khadi Cloth**

956. SHIRIMATI KRISHNA SAHAI: Will the Minister of RURAL RECONSTRUCTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Khadi cloth worth Rs. 40 crores was completely damaged in different godowns;

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to stop such losses in future; and

(c) steps Government propose to take to book persons responsible for such losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI BALESHWAR RAM): (a) No, Madam.

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