

600 रुपये से 685 रुपये प्रति किबंटल के बीच था गए ।

(क) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।

**Central Assistance to States Affected by Drought**

150. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR SINGH:

SHRI A. T. PATIL:

SHRI B. D. SINGH:

SHRI RASHEED MASOOD:

SHRI CHHOTAY SINGH YADAV:

SHRI ARJUN SETHI:

SHRI DAULAT RAM SARAN:

SHRI JAGPAL SINGH:

PROF. AJIT KUMAR MEHTA:

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN:

SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the drought situation in various parts of the country has been worsening;

(b) if so, the names of the States which are currently in the grip of drought, stating the area involved and the people affected in each of the States; and

(c) the nature and the quantum of the Central assistance given to each of the affected States (State-wise) to tide over the situation as against the assistance asked for by the State Government concerned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) and (b). Due to the failure of monsoon during the year 1980, the States of Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Karnataka, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu were affected by drought. The current monsoon has eased the drought situation in Haryana, Andhra Pradesh and Rajasthan while the drought condition continues to prevail in Tamil Nadu and parts of Karnataka, Rajasthan and Andhra Pradesh. The extent of damages due to drought in these States during 1981-82 is as under:—

State	Cropped Area involved (lakhs ha.)	Population affected (lakhs)
Andhra Pradesh	14.40	200.00
Haryana	3.61	13.56
Karnataka	32.21	132.00
Rajasthan	87.00	167.71
Tamil Nadu	23.74	219.90

(c) The information is as under:—

State	Amount asked for (Rs. in lakhs)	Ceiling of expenditure approved for the purposes of Central assistance 1981-82 (Rs. in lakhs)
Andhra Pradesh	9800.00	2625.00
Haryana	6266.00	400.00
Karnataka	5005.00	806.00
Rajasthan	15626.00	3392.80
Tamil Nadu	16068.00	4890.00