

do not indicate that eucalyptus affects ground water supplies as well as the catchment water yields. On the other hand the studies on eucalyptus plantations in the Nilgiri Hills as compared with field crops like Patato show an increase in the infiltration and reduction in sedimentation, which consequently increase the life of reservoirs.

(b) In view of (a) above the question does not arise.

(c) No, Sir. Studies at Dehradun and Ootacamund have indicated that plantation of eucalyptus did not cause ecological disasters.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) There are no plantation projects specifically for eucalyptus in the country. However, eucalyptus is being planted under various social forestry programmes. The choice of species, depends on the locality factors and the socio-economic needs.

#### Drought Relief Sought by Madhya Pradesh

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DIA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of drought relief aid sought by and given to Madhya Pradesh Government this year;

(b) the details of the area and population affected by drought in the State; and

(c) how the quantum of such Central aid given to Madhya Pradesh compare with that given to other drought hit States, indicating the area and population hit by drought in each State ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) (a) : The Government of Madhya Pradesh had sought Central assistance of Rs. 151.00 crores during 1983-84. A ceiling of assistance of Rs. 19.97 crores was sanctioned for drought relief to the State Government for 1983-84.

(b) and (c) Information is given in the attached statement.

#### Statement

Sl. No.	State	Cropped area affected (lakh ha.)	Population affected (lakh) (1982-83)	Ceiling of Expenditure
				Sanctioned during 1983-84 (Rs. in crores)
1	2	4	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	38.00	31.11	28.26
2.	Bihar	44.17	190.65	8.97
3.	Gujarat	28.14	94.11	2.62
4.	Kerala	1.04	16.00	36.77
5.	Karnataka	21.67	—	14.00
6.	Madhya Pradesh	30.00	88.07	19.97
7.	Maharashtra	22.84	46.94	11.63
8.	Orissa	37.82	182.16	24.65
9.	Rajasthan	68.12	177.12	39.85
10.	Tamil Nadu	38.26	328.20	49.97
11.	West Bengal	20.14	400.00	30.59
12.	Pondicherry	0.05	1.51	0.44
13.	Mizoram	—	—	1.06
Total		350.25	1555.87	268.78