

सरकारी सहायता को किन कारणों से बन्द किया गया है ;

(ख) क्या यह निर्णय लेने से पहले सरकार ने इस बात पर विचार किया था कि इस सहायता का कृषि के विकास पर कितना अच्छा प्रभाव पड़ा था और इससे कृषकों को कितना प्रोत्साहन मिला था ;

(ग) इस सम्बन्ध में यदि किसानों को 25 से 50 प्रतिशत तक सहायता दी जाती, तो बिहार में सरकार का कितना घन खर्च होता ;

(घ) क्या इस सहायता को बन्द करने के अपने निर्णय पर सरकार पुनर्विचार करेगी ; और

(ङ) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

साथ, कृषि सामुदायिक विकास तथा सहकारी मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अन्नासाहिब शिन्दे) (क) से (ङ) : जानकारी बिहार सरकार से इकट्ठी की जा रही है और मिलते ही सभा के पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

#### DROUGHT IN ANDHRA PRADESH

6577. SHRIMATI B. RADHABAI:

SHRI G. S. REDDI:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government are aware of the drought conditions in Andhra Pradesh this year due to lack of timely rains and thereby the fall in foodgrains production;

(b) if so, the precautionary measures taken by Government to fill up the deficit in Andhra Pradesh due to drought conditions; and

(c) whether Central Government propose to give any assistance to middle class farmers in Nagarjunasagar Project area by supplying them fertilizers and agro-machinery for their immediate need to increase their food production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) and (b). There has been some delay in the onset of monsoon and inadequacy of rainfall, due to which sowings of kharif crops are reported to have been delayed by 10—15 days in different parts of the State. It is, however, too early to give any quantitative idea of the fall in foodgrains production this year, as much will depend on the weather in the remaining part of the season. The Government are, however, keeping a watch on the situation and will send the requisite foodgrains to Andhra Pradesh if and when required.

(c) No specific request for assistance to farmers in the Nagarjunasagar Project Area has been received from the State Government. However, a loan of Rs. 3 crores and a grant of Rs. 1.5 crores, out of the ceiling of Rs. 6.50 crores for drought relief in the State has been issued to the State Government this year by way of Central assistance.

#### ACCIDENT IN PURE KAPASARA COLLIERY (DHANBAD)

6578. SHRI B. K. MODAK:

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU:  
SHRI MOHAMMED ISMAIL:  
SHRI BHAGABAN DAS:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of persons have been buried alive under the debris at Pure Kapasara Colliery near Dhanbad in