

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2115
ANSWERED ON:08.03.2000
CENTRAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD
PRABHAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to set up a Central Development Board for thereconstruction of Orissa State after the destruction caused by the recent super cyclone;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS.

(SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a), (b) & (c). The Government has no proposal to set up a Central Development Board for the reconstruction of Orissa State in the aftermath of super cyclone. But, an Authority at the Ministerial level headed by the Defence Minister has been set up by the Government of India, to expedite rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts in the cyclone affected areas of Orissa. The Authority is known as Orissa Cyclone Reconstruction Authority (OCRA), and is serviced by the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture.

The aforesaid Authority will not take over the functions either of the State Government or of the concerned Ministries/Departments which will be followed as per the normal procedure as laid down in the Transaction of Business Rules and allocation of work, and functions of the Orissa Government as a State of the Union. The Authority will, however, provide the highest forum both at the Centre and State for consultation, and guidance for a joint effort for restoration, rehabilitation and reconstruction work in the cyclone affected districts of Orissa in a coordinated and concerted manner.