

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4464  
ANSWERED ON:18.12.2000  
NATURAL CALAMITIES  
GUNIPATI RAMAIAH

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

- (a) whether the Government propose to evolve new guidelines and norms for financial help to States in regard to natural calamities like drought and floods;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the 11th Finance Commission has given any recommendation in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a)to(d) The Eleventh Finance Commission(EFC) has inter-alia recommended constitution of a Committee of Experts to review the list of items approved for incurring expenditure from the Calamity Relief Fund(CRF), creation of a National Calamity Contingency Fund(NCCF) to provide financial assistance to the States over and above what is available in the CRF or other Plan/Non-Plan sources, establishment of a National Centre for Calamity Management(NCCM) to monitor all types of natural calamities. The recommendations have been accepted by the Government.