

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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CREATION OF RELIEF FUND
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government propose to create a Relief Fund to effectively meet natural disaster; and
- (b) if so, the details of amount in the initial stage including the contribution of each State?.

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) scheme has been continued on the recommendations of the Eleventh Finance Commission. The total allocation under CRF for the period 2000-2005 is Rs.11007.59 crore to be shared in the ratio of 3:1 by the Central and the States, respectively. In addition, a National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) with an initial corpus of Rs.500 crore has been set up for assistance to the States for calamities of severe nature. There is no contribution of the States to this NCCF, which will be recouped by levy of special surcharge on Central taxes.