GOVERNMENT OF INDIA FINANCE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5419 ANSWERED ON:22.12.2000 WRITING OFF LOAN MALYALA RAJAIAH

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradeshhas requested to the Union Government towrite-off Rs.3491 crores on account of expenditure incurred on anti-extremist operations; and
- (b) if so, the present status of the request?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) The Eleventh Finance Commission, as per itsterm of reference was required to make an assessment of the debt position of all States as on 31.3.99 and suggest such corrective measures as are deemed necessary, keeping in view the long term sustainability for both the Centre and the States. The Eleventh Finance Commission hassince submitted its Report including the measures for debt relief. The Government of India has accepted the recommendation of the EFC with regard to debt relief of the Statesas contained in the main report for 2000-2005.

Government of India also reimburses 50% of expenditure on identified security related items including gratuitous relief to the victims of extremist violence, raising of IR Battalions, training of Police personnel and for arms and ammunitions etc. An amount of Rs.30.46 crore was reimbursed to the State during 1999-2000 under the SRE scheme.