

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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FAMINE AFFECTED STATES  
BHERU LAL MEENA;GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAV;NARESH KUMAR PUGLIA

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

- (a) the States affected by famine during the last three years;
- (b) whether the Union Government had sent Central teams to the States to assess the situation;
- (c) whether the relief work in these States have since been launched according to the observations made by the Central teams;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the amount allocated by the Union Government to each famine State and the amount utilised by the each State during the above period?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

(a) Report on drought conditions were received during 1996-97 from Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Orissa, during 1997-98 from Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Maharashtra and during 1998-99 from Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan and West Bengal

(b) Central teams were deputed for assessment of the situation wherever necessary.

(c)&(d) Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) had been released to the States every year for undertaking immediate relief measures in the wake of natural calamities including drought. The respective State Governments plan and carry out the relief activities.

(e) In addition to CRF, funds from the National Fund for Calamity Relief (NFCR) in the wake of drought were also released for the purpose as indicate below:

(Rs. In crore)

State    1996-97    1997-98    1998-99

Andhra Pradesh	-	30.00	-
Karnataka	-	22.00	-
Orissa	54.00	-	-
Rajasthan	-	-	21.98