

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:79
ANSWERED ON:20.11.2000
LOSS TO KHARIF CROPS IN ORISSA
JASWANT SINGH BISHNOI;TRILOCHAN KANUNGO

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have made any assessment of the loss of Kharif crops in some States during this year;
- (b) if so, the reason led to the losses;
- (c) the details of the areas affected in various States, State-wise; and
- (d) the assistance extended by the Union Government to the State Governments to meet the situation arising out of the loss due to failure of Kharif Crops, State-wise?

Answer

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

- (a): Yes, Sir.
- (b): The loss in foodgrain production is mainly on account of deficient rainfall in some of the States during the south west monsoon 2000.
- (c): Parts of the States of Rajasthan, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Orissa have been affected due to deficient rainfall in varying magnitude.
- (d): The Central Government has released Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) of Rs.168.18 crore to Rajasthan, Rs.131.14 crore to Gujarat, Rs.31.98 crore to Madhya Pradesh/Chhattisgarh and Rs.41.05 crore to Orissa. Distribution of relief is the responsibility of the State Government. There is a provision of input subsidy to the farmers for crop loss as per the norms and guidelines under CRF. The Central Government has also introduced the National Agricultural Insurance Scheme, to provide protection to farmers against natural calamities.