

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:51

ANSWERED ON:01.12.1999

FLOOD FORECASTING

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central Water Commission has issued flood forecast during the year 1998-99;
- (b) if so, the extent to which it helped the State Governments to protect the flood-affected people during the period; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (DR. C.P. THAKUR)

- (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 51 FOR 01.12.1999 REGARD FLOOD FORECASTING

- (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Central Water Commission had issued 7943 and 6511 flood forecast messages during the monsoon of 1998 and 1999 respectively which had helped the State Governments to take timely action to save life and property in a planned manner. State Governments of Andhra Pradesh; Assam; Bihar; Gujarat; Maharashtra and West Bengal have expressed their satisfaction for the services of flood forecasting rendered by Central Water Commission and requested them to continue the services. State Governments have not reported undertaking any quantitative assessment of the extent of help to the flood affected people resulting from the forecast.

- (c) Does not arise.