

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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CYCLONE VICTIMS  
SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO

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

(a) whether the Government have any plan to help cyclone victims like orphans who have lost their parents, persons who suffered mental and psychological trauma thus resulting in neurological disorder; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the budget earmarked for the said plan?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

(a)&(b) The Government of Orissa had taken some initiatives for the orphaned children by providing shelter, orphanages, medicine, etc. as also for women who had been widowed. The Department of Women and Child Development had sanctioned short stay homes for women and children. The Team deputed by them to Orissa suggested ensuring proper nutrition and health cover for women and children on a sustained basis and special attention for orphaned children, widows and destitute women. The Team deputed by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare to the cyclone affected areas recommended constitution of an Advisory Committee under the Chairmanship of the State Health Secretary for monitoring, among other things, the mental health needs of the affected population and funding as well as strengthening of mental health infrastructure in the State. The State Government recently set up the Orissa State Disaster Mitigation Authority to coordinate the rehabilitation, restoration and reconstruction work.

Entire Central share of Rs.42.50 crore under Calamity Relief Fund and assistance of Rs.828.15 crore from the National Fund for Calamity Relief were released to Orissa during 1999-2000 for undertaking relief measures in the wake of natural calamities including cyclones. No separate budget provision was made.