

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7877
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FLOOD RELIEF TO WEST BENGAL
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the West Bengal Government has given any utilisation certificate for the sum of Rs.66 crores provided by the Union Government for flood relief in the year ending March, 31, 1999;
- (b) whether any follow-up action has been taken to ascertain the position;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the States which have not yet furnished the utilization certificates in regard to Central Relief Fund for natural calamities provided to them?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

- (a) The Government of West Bengal has informed about the utilisation of the full amount of Rs.66.33 crores released to the State from the National Fund for Calamity Relief (NFCR) during 1998-99, which has been allotted by the State to its different Departments for restoration and relief works for flood in the State.
- (b)&(c) Do not arise.
- (d) The utilisation certificates are generally not being furnished by the States regularly.