

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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ASSISTANCE TO MAHARASHTRA TO COMBAT DROUGHT SITUATION

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

- (a) the assistance provided to Maharashtra to combat drought situation during the last three years;
- (b) whether the Government of Maharashtra has submitted and utilization certificate and the certificate of providing State Governments share and the statement of accounts every year;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) if not, whether the Union Government has written any letter to State Government in this regard;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether the Government is providing extra assistance to the State for the purpose during the current year; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a): Details of assistance provided to Maharashtra for the droughts of 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04 are indicated below:

(Rs. in crores)

Drought of	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
Central share of CRF	123.80	129.99	208.14
Assistance from NCCF	- 20.00	242.79	
Foodgrains (lakh MTs)	1.00	2.32	7.00

CRF - Calamity Relief Fund

NCCF - National Calamity Contingency Fund

(b) to (e): As per the Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) scheme, the State Government shall furnish to Ministry of finance a statement giving up-to-date expenditure and balance available in the CRF, which is treated as utilization certificate. According to the information furnished by the Ministry of Finance, Maharashtra Government has furnished such statements upto the year 2002-2003. A request has been made to the State Government by the Finance Ministry to expedite the statement in respect of 2003-04.

(f) & (g): Extending assistance for drought relief is a continuous process. Assistance of Rs.242.79 cores for drought of 2003-04 includes Rs.165.33 crores released in June 2004.