

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6390
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FAMINE AFFECTED STATES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of States affected by famine in the country;
- (b) whether Rajasthan is also among them; and
- (c) if so, the total population affected by famine and the assistance provided by the Government for the purpose?

Answer

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

(a)to(c): Famines signify extreme scarcity of food. There is no famine in the country. Following aberrations in the South-West monsoon, however, drought-like conditions have appeared in certain States. Additional assistance so far extended for drought relief during the year 2004-2005 to such states is as under:-

State	Financial assistance (Rs. in crores)	Foodgrains allocated (lakh MTs.)
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Rajasthan	216.79	6.99
Tamil Nadu	117.27	1.50
Kerala	106.00	-
Karnataka	49.14	1.14
Madhya Pradesh	1.70	1.00
Uttar Pradesh	192.10	-
Bihar	162.15	2.00
Chhattisgarh	52.74	0.90
Jharkhand	-	0.67
Andhra Pradesh	40.01	2.20

Total	937.90	16.40#
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Costing Rs.1640 crores to Central Government. Total Drought Relief Assistance in Cash and Foodgrains is Rs.2577.90 crores.

Further assistance for Rajasthan and Maharashtra is under consideration.