

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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DAMAGE OF PADDY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether thousands of acres of paddy has been damaged in the rice bowls of kerala such as Kuttanand and Palakkad, this year;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to sanction special financial package for the purpose; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): The damage of paddy crop due to drought in 2003-04 was reported by the Government of Kerala. The package of relief assistance in such cases consists of the pattern laid down by the Eleventh Finance Commission. Central Government had approved assistance of Rs.49.04 crores and Rs.28.53 crores for drought relief subject to adjustment of balance in the State Calamity Relief Fund (CRF). 0.61 lakh metric tonnes of food grains have also been allocated to the State, free of cost under special component of Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) for relief employment for drought of 2003-04. First installment of Central share of Calamity Relief Fund for 2004-05 amounting to Rs.30.65 crores has been released to Kerala State.