

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1532
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PACKAGE FOR IRRIGATION PROJECT .
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh met the Agriculture Minister recently and demanded Rs.70,000 crore special package to deal with agrarian crises in the State including irrigation projects;
- (b) If so, the details thereof; and
- (c) The steps taken or being taken by the Government on the demand of Andhra Pradesh?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The State Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted a rehabilitation package for Rs.51856.36 crore for ameliorating the hardship faced by the farmers in 16 identified districts of the State where the incidence of farmers' suicide has been very high, namely, Adilabad, Ananthapur, Chittoor, Kadapa, Guntur, Karimnagar, Khammam, Kurnool, Mahabubnagar, Medak, Nellore, Nizamabad, Nalgonda, Prakasam, Ranga Reddy, and Warangal. The Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh had a meeting with the Agriculture Minister in this regard. The package, inter alia, includes assistance for developing assured irrigation facilities in these identified districts. The Government is finalizing the package submitted by the Government of Andhra Pradesh on the pattern of the package that has been recently announced for the Vidarbha region of Maharashtra.