

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:208
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DROUGHT RELIEF FOR ORISSA
Panda Shri Baijayant;Pradhan Shri Nityananda

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Orissa Government has submitted a proposal for grant of Rs. 2257 crore to tackle the drought situation in the State;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the follow-up action taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. The Government of Orissa submitted a memorandum seeking assistance of Rs. 2257.032 crores from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) in the wake of drought declared during 2009-10. An Inter-Ministerial Central Team visited the State from 6th to 8th January, 2010 for assessment of the drought situation and requirement of Central assistance. Further action is being taken in accordance with the existing procedure.