

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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RELIEF PACKAGE FOR NATURAL CALAMITIES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating to increase the amount of assistance provided under relief packages in the event of natural calamities like drought in view of the present rate of inflation;
- (b) whether the Government has assessed/fixed the amount of relief on the basis of the old rates of inflation;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) if not, the yardsticks for assessing the amount of relief for the same?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): There are laid down items and norms of expenditure for assistance from relief funds in the wake of natural calamities including drought. The Ministry of Home Affairs is concerned with matters relating to such items and norms and they have already initiated action for review of existing norms and recommend items and norms for the 5-year period 2010-11 to 2014-15.