GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HOME AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4478 ANSWERED ON:04.08.2009 FLOOD RELIEF TO ORISSA Panda Shri Baijayant

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of assistance provided to the State of Orissa for flood relief during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the State Government has requested for more funds for the said purpose; and
- (c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) to (c): The State Governments are primarily responsible for undertaking relief and rehabilitation measures in the areas affected by natural calamities. The Government of India supplements the efforts of the State Governments by providing financial and logistic support, where necessary. Financial assistance to deal with natural calamities is provided to the States as per the Scheme of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF), corpus of which is contributed by the Government of India and State Government in the ratio of 3:1.

Additional financial assistance is also provided from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) in the wake of natural calamities of severe nature including floods. Thus the first charge of relief expenditure is on CRF. Funds from NCCF are released only in the event of calamities of severe nature where funds available in CRF account of the State are inadequate to meet the situation in conformity with the extant items & norms of assistance.

The Government of India had released, Central Share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) and funds from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) to Government of Orissa, to enable the State Government to undertake relief operation in the areas affected by natural calamities, which also includes flood relief. Details of funds released during the last three years and the current year is as under:-

(Rs. in crore)

Years Total allocation Centre's share Released from NCCF under CRF of CRF released

2006-07 310.24 291.34 25.00# 2007-08 319.38 180.87 0.00 324.50 2008-09 328.97 98.87 2009-10 339.03 49.37 0.00 (till date)

This amount was released for management of flood relief.