

Title : Need to provide financial assistance to Government of Maharashtra

for providing relief to people affected by drought in the State

SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL (SANGLI): Madam, Chairperson, I would like to draw the attention of the Government to the severe drought situation in Maharashtra particularly in Western Maharashtra and Marathwada region. Failure of crops, acute scarcity of drinking water, non-availability of fodder have made life of the people miserable in the drought affected areas of Maharashtra. Persistent droughts have made the situation so bad that State Government's efforts to provide relief to the people have not been enough. The State Government have already spent Rs.700 crore for Employment Guarantee Scheme and Rs.225 crore for drinking water facility. I would urge upon the Central Government to immediately provide special Central assistance to help the people of drought affected areas of Maharashtra.