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Title: Need to release adequate quantity of foodgrains for implementation of food for work programme in drought affected districts of Karnataka – Laid.

\*SHRI IQBAL AHMED SARADGI (GULBARGA) : The drought situation continues to be severe in the State of Karnataka. Earlier, the delegation alongwith the Chief Minister of Karnataka had met the Central leaders including the Deputy Prime Minister and had urged them to provide sufficient foodgrains to meet the needs of the State and also provide foodgrains for the implementation of "Food for Work" programme to meet the demands of the people of drought affected areas. But even uptill now, the total demands have not yet been met by the Centre in regard to Karnataka State although the neighboring States who were affected by drought have been fully provided the foodgrains including for "Food for Work" Programme.

Sir, there has been consideration delay in reaching the monsoon in various parts of Karnataka State with the result 'blackgram' crop which is entirely depending on timely monsoons has been severely affected.

I urge upon the Government to release the foodgrains immediately and also provide help and assistance to the farmers so that the people are provided jobs and meet the needs of the foodgrains in implementing 'Food for Work' programme in the drought-affected districts of Karnataka.

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\*Laid on the Table.