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Title: Need to declare entire Odisha as drought-hit State and provide a financial relief package for the State.

SHRI AMARNATH PRADHAN (SAMBALPUR): The Kharif crop cultivation mainly paddy has been badly affected due to scanty rainfall during monsoon season in the State of Odisha. The drought situation in the entire western Odisha region is so grave that the production of paddy has reached its lowest level. Farmers are facing the problem of distress sale of paddy and are exploited by the middlemen. So, I request the Central Government to declare entire Odisha as drought-hit State and provide a financial relief package for the farmers in the State.