

15. 03 hrs.

The Lok Sabha re-assembled after Lunch at Three Minutes past Fifteen of the Clock

(MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER *in the Chair*)

SHR! UMRao SINGH (Jalandhar):
Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, I am on a point of order.

I would like to know the fate of the motion which was put forward by Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee on the basis of a proposal by Shri Indrajit Gupta and accepted by the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs. As per me this was accepted by the House. I hope my understanding is the understanding of the Chair.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: You may wait for some time for the Ruling.

15.04 hrs.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

(i) **Current Flood situation in the Country.**

[English]

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): Sir, I seek leave of the House to make a statement on the current flood situation in the country and the relief and rehabilitation measures taken by the Government.

South-West Monsoon, 1994 arrived in Kerala on 28th May, 1994, three days in advance and covered the entire country by 30th June, 1994 about fifteen days in

advance of the normal time of coverage. During the period from June 1 to July 20, the cumulative rainfall has been excess in 18 of the 35 meteorological sub-divisions into which the country is divided. Out of 415 districts 174 districts received excess rainfall while 112 received normal rainfall. The rainfall has remained deficient in the North-eastern States, West Bengal, Sikkim, Bihar plains, Hills of West Uttar Pradesh and Marathawada. Substantially heavy rainfall ranging upto 114% has been received in Orissa, Bihar Plateau, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Jammu & Kashmir.

An unusual feature of the rainfall this year has been that the traditionally low rainfall areas have received good rains like in Saurashtra, Kutch, West Rajasthan and North Interior Karnataka. On the other hand, the traditionally high rainfall areas of north-east have been deficient in rainfall. In the last few days monsoon has been active over Haryana, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Telangana, Sub-Himalayan West Bengal and Sikkim. Rainfall has also occurred in the North Eastern States and at many places in Himachal Pradesh, West Uttar Pradesh, East Rajasthan, Maharashtra, West Bengal and Bihar.

The monsoon this year started with floods in Assam in early June. It continued with floods in the States of Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Rajasthan and parts of Uttar Pradesh by mid-June. Continuous rains in most parts of the country in July aggravated the situation in Gujarat, Karnataka and Kerala and also brought flood havocs in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa and Punjab.