

marginal seasonal increase in cereals under the sub-group-foodgrains, the monthly Wholesale Price Index (WPI) of other sub-groups of agricultural commodities decreased during January, 1999 to March, 2000. This can be seen from the annexes statement of monthly Index Number of Wholesale Prices.

Statement

Monthly index number of wholesale prices under different groups and sub-groups

S. No.	Commodity	January, 1999	March, 2000 (Prov.)	Base 1993-94=100
				%change in March 2000 over January
1.	Food Articles	157.2	166.3	5.8
2.	Foodgrains	165.0	174.9	6.0
3.	Cereals	165.2	176.5	6.8
4.	Pulses	163.6	162.9	(-)0.4
5.	Fruits & Vegetables	145.4	144.5	(-)0.6
6.	Condiments & Spices	239.2	216.1	(-)9.7
7.	Other Food Articles	153.1	134.3	(-)12.3
8.	Non Food Articles	153.2	140.4	(-)8.4
9.	Oilseeds	148.7	126.9	(-)14.7

Financial Assistance to State Governments for Natural Calamities

4890. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the financial assistance sought by the State Governments and released by Government for natural calamities such as floods, cyclones and landslides during last five years, State-wise;

(b) whether any such demand is pending before Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SUNDER LAL PATWA): (a) to (d) In addition to yearly allocation during 1995-96 to 1999-2000 under Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) to undertake immediate relief measures in the wake of various natural calamities, assistance from the National Fund for Calamity Relief (NFCR) was considered for calamities of rare severity in accordance with a set procedure and the admissibility norms. Assistance from the NFCR released to various States during 1995-96 to 1999-2000 in wake of various natural calamities is indicated in the statement annexed. (*See next page*) No request from the States for assistance from NFCR is pending for 1999-2000.

Statement
*Details of Assistance Demanded and Released from National Fund for Calamity Relief during
 1995-96 to 1999-2000*

Sl. No.	STATE	1995-96		1996-97		1997-98		1998-99		1999-2000	
		Assistance Demanded	Released	Assistance Demanded	Released	Assistance Demanded	Released	Assistance Demanded	Released	Assistance Demanded	Released
1.	Andhra Pradesh	875.26	21.00	2819.37	142.00	1159.28	42.00	600.00	28.50	760.36	75.36
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	50.50	10.00	110.53	3.00	105.15	Nil	200.23	13.47	Nil	Nil
3.	Assam	Nil	Nil	415.91	21.00	Nil	Nil	1001.98	59.90	Nil	Nil
4.	Bihar	1102.28	21.00	251.32	7.00	428.82	10.00	1003.75	11.45	701.26	38.18
5.	Gujarat	Nil	Nil	282.01	Nil	664.33	86.90	810.65	55.35	817.23	54.58
6.	Haryana	588.09	39.41	102.00	Nil	Nil	Nil	757.29	13.27	Nil	Nil
7.	Himachal Pradesh	481.96	12.49	458.37	10.56	609.78	24.80	266.06	Nil	259.42	Nil
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	211.08	18.17	273.97	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	214.47	73.42
9.	Karnataka	256.23	Nil	621.55	Nil	723.00	32.20	1352.13	39.78	249.95	17.09
10.	Kerala	181.79	Nil	342.00	Nil	1106.26	12.91	1499.63	Nil	79.56	Nil
11.	Madhya Pradesh	Nil	Nil	256.19	Nil	2759.11	102.78	251.34	Nil	556.88	38.88
12.	Maharashtra	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	156.76	Nil	152.26	Nil	Nil	Nil
13.	Manipur	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	59.13	Nil	Nil	Nil	24.00	4.93
14.	Meghalaya	41.13	10.00	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
15.	Mizoram	114.47	4.71	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	35.08	6.00
16.	Orissa	564.00	30.75	570.70	54.00	151.50	Nil	445.59	Nil	7143.54	828.15
17.	Punjab	658.00	16.16	Nil	Nil	347.72	Nil	1140.60	Nil	Nil	Nil
18.	Rajasthan	612.99	21.00	321.00	Nil	51.18	Nil	959.62	21.98	1144.40	102.93
19.	Sikkim	Nil	Nil	43.92	5.52	107.39	7.00	141.41	7.67	Nil	Nil
20.	Tamil Nadu	630.00	Nil	621.55	25.00	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
21.	Tripura	41.21	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	30.11	5.05	158.80	5.34
22.	Uttar Pradesh	357.40	Nil	589.90	Nil	566.07	Nil	2254.30	131.15	339.55	16.68
23.	West Bengal	831.99	21.00	309.00	Nil	177.00	Nil	804.43	66.33	750.38	29.52
TOTAL		7398.33	225.69	8389.29	268.08	9172.48	318.57	13671.38	451.90	13234.88	1291.04