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consortium for financing food procurement operations which are finalised each year by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). Based on the surplus funds available with cooperative banks NABARD makes recommendations for participation in the Credit consortium to RBI.

Punjab State Cooperative Bank (SCB) was allocated a share of Rs. 390 crore (both for Punjab SCB and five District Central Cooperative Banks) in the year 1999-2000.

**Loss of Lives and Property due to Natural
and Man-made Calamities**

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Will the Minister of Agriculture be pleased to state:-

(a) whether Government have gone through recently published in the Oxfarm's India Disasters Report';

(b) if so, whether the report contains the assessment about the loss of lives and property due to natural and man-made calamities, year-wise; and

(c) if so, the estimate of such loss and the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF
AGRICULTURE (SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Report contains some update on landslides and floods during 1998, extent of damage due to drought in some State during 1998-99 and some information about the Super cyclone in Orissa during 1999. The Report also contains information on human instigated and other disasters.

(c) The natural disasters result into loss of life and properties in varying degrees depending upon the nature and intensity of the disaster. As per available information the natural disasters during 1999-2000 resulted in loss of 11588 human lives, 459931 animals and affected cropped area in 224.72 lakh hectares and damaged 31.02 lakh houses. Institutionalised arrangements within a broad policy framework already exist in the country for Natural Disaster Management both at the Centre and State level.