

people of India to the people of Pakistan. These initiatives were widely welcomed by the peoples of both countries. Our commitment to the Simla Agreement and the Lahore Declaration is firm and abiding. They incorporate the guiding principle for our bilateral relations with Pakistan.

Pakistan's aggression and armed intrusion in the Kargil sector of the State of Jammu & Kashmir revealed Pakistan's hostility and betrayed trust. Pakistan needs to restore trust and demonstrate its commitment to the Simla Agreement and the Lahore Declaration by ceasing its sponsorship of crossborder terrorism against India in Jammu & Kashmir and elsewhere and abandoning its hostile anti-India propaganda.

Grant to Cyclone Affected Areas of Orissa

292. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of grants sought by the State Government of Orissa to provide relief to the cyclone affected people in that State;

(b) the amount sanctioned by the Centre for the purpose;

(c) whether all people affected by cyclone have been rehabilitated; and

(d) if not, what is the progress as on date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) The Government of Orissa has sought an ad-hoc assistance of Rs. 2500 crore to undertake relief and restoration measures in the areas affected by the Super cyclone.

(b) Advance Plan assistance Rs. 250 crore was sanctioned to Orissa for the cyclone of 17-18th October, 1999. In connection with the Super cyclone, Government of India has released ad-hoc assistance of Rs. 200 crore from the National Fund for Calamity Relief (NFCR) and advance plan assistance of Rs. 200 crore. Further ad-hoc assistance of Rs. 300 crore has been announced.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The relief and restoration measures have been undertaken on a national scale. The State Government have authorised the district Collectors to continue operation of free kitchen in areas where distress conditions are found to be prevailing on the basis of need assessment. Rice, kerosene oil and petroleum products have been supplied to the cyclone affected districts. Clothing and temporary shelter materials have also been supplied to the affected pockets. Adequate availability of essential commodities in the affected areas has been ensured.