

Rural Development Programmes in Andhra Pradesh

89. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes, if any, worked out by Government under various rural development programmes to help Andhra Pradesh to compensate for the heavy losses suffered by the farmers in the State due to natural calamities like drought, floods and attacks of insects and pests; and

(b) the steps being taken to meet the urgent demand of about Rs. 700 crores additional funds under the rural development programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) and (b) As per Ministry of

Agriculture, according to the existing scheme for financing relief expenditure, State Governments are required to undertake relief operations out of the Corpus of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF), which is shared by Central and State Government in the ratio of 3:1. Additional assistance is also extended from the national Fund for Calamity Relief (NFCR) in the wake of calamities of rare severity, after following the prescribed procedure.

The State of Andhra Pradesh have allocated Rs. 131.05 Crores in 1997-98 and Rs. 137.73 Crores in 1998-99 in the CRF.

The Government of Andhra Pradesh had submitted 4 memoranda during 1997-98 seeking assistance from NFCR. Details of assistance sought and approved NFCR are as under:—

(Rs. in crores)

Calamity	Assistance Sought	Assistance Approved	Date of Release
Hailstorm	82.11	Nil	N.A.
Drought	831.33	30.00	14.1.98
Cyclone	168.00	Nil	N.A.
Pest attack	77.84	12.00	5.2.98

Besides, the Ministry of Rural Areas & Employment is implementing some of the major Self employment and wage employment schemes throughout the Country including the state of Andhra Pradesh. Under the IRD Programme, Rs. 4798.58 lakhs were released to all the District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs) of Andhra Pradesh during 1997-98 including Rs. 599.25 lakhs as additional funds. Similarly, under JRY an amount of Rs. 15298.33 lakhs were released to the State of Andhra Pradesh during 1997-98 and in addition, an amount of Rs. 582.31 lakhs have been released as additionality to the village/ Gram Panchayats. Further, an amount of

Rs. 805.20 lakhs has been released to Andhra Pradesh as additionality for construction of Primary School Buildings as 48% of the total cost under operation Black Board Scheme.

जनजातीय क्षेत्रों में पेयजल परियोजनाएं

90. श्री चीमनभाई हरीभाई शुक्ला : क्या ग्रामीण क्षेत्र और रोजगार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने गुजरात, उड़ीसा तथा मध्य प्रदेश के शहरी क्षेत्रों में पेयजल की मांग की तुलना में ग्रामीण तथा जनजातीय क्षेत्रों में पेयजल की मांग का कोई आकलन किया है।

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;