

Eleven talukas in 3 districts which received less than 125 mm rainfall have been declared by the State Government of Gujarat as scarcity affected; the State Government has ordered the institution of test relief works in 15 talukas of 7 districts with rainfall less than 200 mm.

Presently, the status of rainfall in Haryana is normal; the State Government has not reported drought conditions in the State.

In U.P., the coverage under kharif crops is expected to improve on account of recent rains; State Government has not reported declaration of drought conditions in any part of the State.

(c) The following amounts have been released as first and second instalments of the Central share of Calamity Relief Fund to the States for meeting the expenditure on natural calamities during 1991-92 :

(Rs. in crores)

Gujarat	31.875
Haryana	6.375
Madhya Pradesh	13.875
Uttar Pradesh	33.75

(d) The Government of Gujarat is extending all relief assistance under the Relief Manual in areas recognised to have been affected by scarcity conditions.

The Governments of Uttar Pradesh and Haryana have been advised to provide assistance for agricultural inputs, launch special programmes for promoting contingency crops and augmenting vegetable and fodder production, take measures to introduce water budgeting and to ensure availability of power on priority to agricultural sector, proper functioning of Public Distribution System and employment opportunities in the affected areas.

Qualities of skimmed milk powder and butter fats supplied to Delhi and other metro cities

183. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether capital is heading for a milk famine as appeared in the Times of India dated the 9th August, 1991 and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether it is a fact that Delhi and other metro cities have been depending on large quantities of skimmed milk powder and butter fat both indigenous and imported and if so, the quantities thereof used in four metro cities during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

विदिशा रेलवे स्टेशन के आस पास कीचड़ का होना

184. श्री राधवर्जी: क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि विदिशा रेलवे स्टेशन के बाहर रेल परिसर के अन्दर के क्षेत्र में वर्षा ऋतु में हमेशा कीचड़ बना रहता है ;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो उसे दूर करने के लिये क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है; और

(ग) यदि इस संबंध में कोई कार्यवाही नहीं की जा रही तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन): (क) विदिशा रेलवे स्टेशन के परिसर क्षेत्र में केवल भारी वर्षा के

दौरान ही पानी जमा हो जाने की समस्या होती है।

(ख) कच्ची नालियों की पहले ही व्यवस्था कर दी गई है। नालियों के निर्माण कार्य सहित परिवहन क्षेत्र में और सुधार करने के कार्य भी 1991-92 के दौरान शुरू करने का प्रस्ताव है।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Cracks in Hirakud Dam

185. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the cracks developed in Hirakud Dam over the river Mahanandi in Orissa;

(b) if so, the steps taken to repair the cracks in that dam; and

(c) the details of the steps taken for the safety of that dam?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. An Expert Committee was constituted by the Government of Orissa in March, 1981 to study the problems of cracking and to advise on the remedial measures. The Committee submitted its report in September, 1983. On the recommendations of the Committee, a project estimated to cost Rs. 8.33 crores was approved by the Planning Commission. Accordingly underwater scanning of the cracks and sealing and grouting was undertaken. An expenditure of Rs. 2.89 crores has been incurred and a provision of Rs. 1.5 crores exists for the current year.

The Government of Orissa has constituted a Cracks Review Panel in August, 1990 to review and analyse the distress condition of the dam and suggest rehabilitation measures. In the meantime, a comprehensive Dam safety assurance and rehabilitation project for rehabilitation of dams in the States of Orissa, Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan has been prepared. An agreement has been signed on 10-6-1991 for

IDA (International Development Association) Credit of SDR (Special Drawing rights) 96.2 million and IBRD (International Bank of Reconstruction and Development) Loan of US \$ 23 million to be implemented over a period of 7 years. The project includes a provision of Dam safety review panel to advise the State Government on safety aspects. Rehabilitation of Hirakund Dam Project is included in this project.

Operation flood programme in Orissa

186. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the operation flood programme is under implementation in Orissa;

(b) if so, the Central external assistance received by the Government of Orissa for implementing Operation Flood programme during the last three years; and

(c) the various districts in the State where the programme is being implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) has provided an amount of Rs. 194.45 lakhs during 1988-89 to 1990-91 as financial assistance to the Orissa State Cooperative Milk Producers Federation and its milk union for implementation of Operation Flood III (OF-III) Programme.

(c) OF-III is under implementation in the districts of Cuttack, Dhenkanal, Keonjhar, Puri and Sambalpur.

Sale of Dhara Oil

187. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the quantity of Dhara Oil sold so far indicating the funds generated as a result thereof;