

(c) The losses reported during the last 3 years and the current year (tentative figures upto 24-10-1986) are as given below :

Year	(Rs. in crores)
1983	2491.60
1984	1905.56
1985	4059.26
1986 (upto 24-10-86)	2526.16

The amounts of central assistance sanctioned during the last 3 years and the current year, so far, are as under :—

	(Rs. in crores)
1983-84	351.86
1984-85	320.86
1985-86	567.44
1986-87	272.52

Commemoration of World Food Day

503. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any guidelines had been issued by the FAO to commemorate 16th October as World Food Day; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) The FAO of the United Nations in its 20th Session held in Rome in November, 1979 resolved

that World Food Day be observed annually on 16th October, which coincides with the anniversary of the founding of the Organisation. The FAO World Conference on Fisheries Management and Development in July, 1984 had approved fishermen and fishing communities as the central theme of World Food Day, 1986.

The FAO Headquarters suggested that promotional, information/education and action oriented activities be undertaken as commemorative activities on World Food Day.

Damage caused by Floods in Maharashtra

504. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Central team had visited the flood affected areas of Maharashtra in the month of September, 1986;

(b) if so, what are the details of Central team which visited the affected areas;

(c) whether any report has since been submitted by the team, if so what are the details thereof;

(d) what amount has been sanctioned to the State Government in this regard; and

(e) what are the other States where Central teams were sent to assess the loss of life and damage to property caused by the floods during this year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A Central Team visited the flood affected areas of Maharashtra between 23rd and 25th September, 1986.