

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) and (b) Statewise details of extent of damage caused to life and property due to floods, heavy rains etc. during the monsoon period of 1986 are given in Annexure-I. [See Appendix CXL, Annexure No. 20]

(c) State-wise details of Central assistance sought by the affected States/ U.T.s are given in the enclosed Statement. (See below)

(d) A ceiling of expenditure of Rs. 26.67 Crores has been approved for flood relief for Kerala so far out of the States indicated in the Annexure referred to in part (a) above. Flood prevention and control is a State subject. The planning and execution of various flood protection works is done by the State Governments.

Statement

Central assistance sought for Flood Relief by States affected during 1986 monsoon

(Rs. in crores)

S. No.	State	Amount sought
1	Assam	338.67
2	Bihar	211.96
3	Kerala	210.77
4	Manipur	—
5	Nagaland	—
6	Uttar Pradesh	409.72
7	West Bengal	272.28

Enquiry into purchase of Wooden Crates by FCI

513. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to the answer

to Unstarred Question 690 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th April, 1986 and state the findings of the investigation made into the purchase of wooden crates by the FCI in Punjab at exorbitant rates?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT) : The investigation has not been completed.

Flood Relief to Punjab

514. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the findings/assessment of the Central team that visited Punjab some time back to make an on-the-spot study of the flood situation ;

(b) what are the recommendations of the High Level Committee on relief to meet the situation ; and

(c) what Central Assistance has been provided to the State ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) The Central Team found that a cropped area of 50,279 ha. in 563 villages of 7 districts were affected by floods.

(b) and (c) Based on the report of the Central Team and recommendations of the High Level Committee on Relief, a ceilings of expenditure amounting to Rs. 18.08 crores has been approved for flood relief in Punjab.