

ties in Andhra Pradesh in the current financial year:

(1) Drought 4005.00 lakhs

(2) Floods/Cyclone (Spill over "expenditure of 1985-86) 559.14 lakhs

(c) The total amount of loans and grants released to the Government of Andhra Pradesh for relief of natural calamities in the last three years was as under:—

<b>Assistance released</b>	<b>₹</b>
	<b>lakhs</b>
<b>(1) Loan</b>	<b>9095.20</b>
<b>(2) Grant</b>	<b>4430.96</b>
<b>(3) Non-Plan Grant</b>	<b>8731.44</b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>22257.67</b>

#### **Purchase of Fighter Aircraft by Pakistan**

1916. SHRI S. B. RAMESH BABU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(ja) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned 'Pak plans to buy more F-16s' which appeared in the 'Times of India' of the 25th July, 1986;

(b) whether the inclusion of these fighter aircraft will add to the strength of the Air Force of Pakistan, which has shown hostility towards India more than once; and

(c) if so, what steps Government of India propose to take to change the public opinion in the United State and also to counter any possible attack by Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL-AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Government's concern for the acquisition of F-16's aircraft and other sophisticated military equipment have been conveyed to the U.S. government on several occasions. Government will also continue to maintain a constant vigil over all such developments having a bearing on the country's security.

#### **Import of Diamonds**

1917. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are importing rough gem stones i.e. diamonds and coloured stones from foreign countries and mostly from London Office of the Diamond Trading Corporation which is a subsidiary of the South African Company "De Beers" who have world monopoly in diamonds; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the imports and exports made during the last three years, year-wise and the names of importers i.e. "site holders" in India especially in Bombay who control the exports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE" (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) Government of India imports no rough diamonds or coloured gem stones. Imports of rough diamonds and other gem stones by the indus-