

nised. No financial assistance, however, was offered for this programme to the state Governments.

14. It is proposed to organise an exhibition on the revolutionary activities carried out abroad in connection with Indian freedom movement which will specially highlight activities of the Indian National Army. The estimated expenditure is under compilation.

STUDY OF DROUGHT CONDITIONS BY CENTRAL GOVERNMENT TEAM

*54. SHRIMATI DAK SHMI
KUMARI CHUNDAWAT: Will the

Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government teams were sent to some States to study the drought conditions there; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHAB SHINDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement embodying the details of the visits of the Teams is laid on the table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

(Rupees in crores)

Name of the State	Dates of visits of Central teams	Ceilings of relief expenditure adopted	Financial assistance released for drought relief
1. Andhra Pradesh	1st-3rd Sept., 1972	28.00	26.50
2. Bihar	2nd to 6th August, 72 and 27th—29th Oct. 72	13.40	10.00
3. Gujarat	12th to 15th Sept. 72 A second team is scheduled to visit from 22nd Feb., 73.	6.90	1.50
4. Jammu & Kashmir	9th—11th Nov., 72	0.80	0.50
5. Madhya Pradesh	A team is visiting the state from 21st Feb., 1973.		
6. Maharashtra	7th—8th June, 3rd to 7th Sept., 72 and 4th to 6th Dec., 72	94.09	39.00
7. Manipur	A team is scheduled to visit shortly.		
8. Mysore	11th, 14th Sept. and 22nd to 25th January, 1973. (2nd teams report awaited)	7.75	9.50
9. Nagaland	22nd—25th Sept. 1972	0.08	0.05
10. Orissa	3rd to 6th July and 9th to 12th Oct. 72	14.66*	6.00
11. Rajasthan	23rd—25th May, 23rd to 25th Nov., 1972 & 4th—10th Feb., 1973 (Report awaited)	6.60	2.00

*For drought floods and cyclone.

(Rupees in crores)

Name of the State	Dates of visits of Central teams	Ceillings of relief expenditure adopted	Financial assistance released for drought relief
12. Tamil Nadu . . .	19th—21st Oct., 72	1.50	..
13. Tripura . . .	1st to 3rd Aug., 72	0.88	0.50
14. Uttar pradesh . . .	21st-23rd Aug., 72	8.10	1.50
15. West Bengal . . .	7th—9th June, 7th—10th August, & 18th November, 1972	10.08*	3.00
		192.84	100.05

*For drought, flood & Cyclone.

MINIMUM BONUS ON SUGAR INDUSTRY

*55. SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased, to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the actual increase in production cost in the sugar industry due to enhancement of minimum bonus was to be tune of only 0.7 paise per kg.;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the remaining amount of 19.3 paise out of the price increase of 20 paise per kg. allowed last year had gone to the profit of sugar mill owners; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROP. SHER SINGH): (a) No. Sir. It varies from Rs. 0.39 to Re. 1.65 per quintal from zone to zone, the weighted average for All India being Rs. 0.56 per quintal.

(b) No, Sir. The ex-factory prices of sugar for 1972-73 production were fixed having regard to the increased cost of production on account of a higher minimum notified price of cane, increase in the bank lending rates and certain other known escalations, apart from increase in the statutory minimum bonus.

(c) Does not arise.

*56. *Transferred to the 1st March, 1973.*

COMMITTEES IN VILLAGES TO SUPERVISE LAND REFORMS

*57. SHRI BANARSI DAS: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government intend to set up statutory Committees in villages to supervise land reforms; and

(b) if so, the details about the composition of these Committee and their powers?