

STATEMENT I

States affected by failure of rains during 1968-69

Sl. No.	State/Union Territory
1	Andhra Pradesh
2	Bihar
3	Gujarat
4	Haryana
5	Madhya Pradesh
6	Mysore
7	Orissa
8	Pondicherry
9	Rajasthan
10	Tamil Nadu
11	Tripura
12	Uttar Pradesh

STATEMENT II

Ceilings and expenditure recommended for drought relief during 1968-69 and 1969-70 and assistance released

State	Ceiling of expenditure	Central assistance
	(Rs.)	(crores)
1. Andhra Pradesh	16.00	15.00
2. Gujarat	10.37	7.00*
3. Haryana	1.27†	..
4. Madhya Pradesh	2.15	..
5. Mysore	10.00‡	10.00
6. Orissa	5.47	5.00
7. Rajasthan	18.48	24.01
8. Tamil Nadu	1.25‡	5.25
9. Uttar Pradesh	2.47	..

♦In addition <s. g-00 crores have been released for drought and flood relief.

-The report of the central team which visited the State recently is awaited.

{The question of fixing ceilings of expenditure for 1^69-70 is under examination.

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PRODUCTION OF FERTILIZERS

368. SARDAR HARGHARAN SINGH DUGAL : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have recently-reviewed the position with regard to the availability and consumption of fertilizers *vis-a-vis* its requirements during 1970 in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of the assessment made by Government and the action taken for the production of fertilizers to meet the country's requirements ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE) : (a) and (b) The fertiliser consumption requirements of the country for the year 1970-71 have been tentatively estimated at 20 lakh tonnes of Nitrogen, 8 lakh tonnes of P₂O₅ and 4 lakh tonnes of K₂O. The position will, however, require to be reviewed after the level of consumption reached during 1969-70 is known. According to the assessment made by Government, the production of fertilizers will be of the order of 12*28 lakh tonnes of nitrogen and 4*10 lakh tonnes of P₂O₅ during 1970-71. It is proposed to establish additional fertiliser factories and expand the existing ones to meet the requirements to the extent possible.

FERTILIZERS PROMOTION BOARD

369. SARDAR HARCHARAN SINGH DUGAL : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Fertilizers Promotion Board; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE) : (a) and (b) The proposal to set up an organisation for promotion of fertiliser use including the functions to be entrusted to it is under consideration.