

STATEMENT I

States affected by failure of rains during 1968-69

| Sl. No. | State/Union Territory |
|---------|-----------------------|
| 1 | Andhra Pr. desh |
| 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

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

| State | Ceilling 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 Rs. 9.00 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 1969-70 is under examination.

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PRODUCTION OF FERTILIZERS

368. SARDAR HARCHARAN 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 ANNASAHAB 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 P_2O_5 and 4 lakh tonnes of K_2O . 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 P_2O_5 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 ANNASAHAB 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.