

Drought in Odisha

2273. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in view of the severe drought situation prevailing in the State of Odisha, the Chief Minister has requested the Prime Minister to consider timely financial assistance to protect the interest of the small, marginal and medium farmers;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal; and

(c) the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJIBHAI KUNDARIYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Government of Odisha submitted a memorandum seeking financial assistance from National Disaster Fund (NDRF) in the wake of drought. The details of the proposal are as follows:

(₹ in crore)	
Sector	Demand by the State Government
Agriculture	416.274
Cooperation	912.66
Water Resources	52.49
Animal Husbandry	81.00
Gratuitous Relief	200.357
Drinking Water Supply	24.78
TOTAL	1687.561

(c) An Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMCT) was constituted by the Central Government which has visited the drought affected areas in State for assessment of the drought situation. The Central Government will consider the IMCT report before finalizing the quantum of assistance to be provided to Odisha from the NDRF.