

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) The num-

ber of layer and broiler chicks sold at Central Poultry Breeding Farms from 1981-82 to 1984-85 is as under :

	(No. in lakhs)			
	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85 (upto Feb., 1985)
No. of layer chicks sold.	2.83	2.54	2.64	3.25
No. of broiler chicks sold.	1.35	2.02	3.32	1.99

(b) The composition of the Management Committee is as under :

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| 1. Additional Secretary, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation | Chairman |
| 2. Animal Husbandry Commissioner, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation. | Member |
| 3. Joint Secretary and Financial Adviser, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation. | Member |
| 4. Directors of Central Poultry Breeding Farms and Central Duck Breeding Farm. | Member |
| 5. Director, Central Training Institute for Poultry Production and Management. | Member |
| 6. Superintendents, Random Sample Test Units | Member |
| 7. Joint Commissioner (Poultry), Department of Agriculture and Cooperation. | Member-Secretary. |

(c) ICAR in All India [Co-ordinated Research Project on Poultry Breeding intends to evolve high yielding strains of layers and broilers and aims at testing the pure-bred and cross-bred performance of a number of purelines/strains, take up estimation of genetic and phenotypic parameters of traits of economic importance and components of genetic variability and test relative efficiency of different breeding programmes. The project has been working for developing high yielding strain crosses for eggs and broilers. The scope of the project will now cover other aspects of poultry improvement viz, determining nutritive requirements of high yielding layers and broiler chicken and poultry housing.

Central Assistance to States for Drought

1627. SHRI B. V. DESAI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Maharashtra Government have asked for Rs. 145 crores for drought relief work in 17,637 villages of 21 districts ;

(b) if so, how much Central aid has been provided to Maharashtra ;

(c) the total number of States that have been affected by drought during

1984 and how much Central assistance was provided to each State ; and

(d) the extent of financial assistance demanded by each State to meet the drought situation ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BULA SINGH) : (a) In October, 1984, the State Government of Maharashtra reported that 16581 villages in 22 districts were affected by scarcity conditions and had requested for Central assistance of Rs. 183.11 crores. For sustaining relief operations

till June, 1985 a further sum of Rs. 62.51 crores has been sought in March, 1985.

(b) A ceiling of Central assistance of Rs. 30.63 crores has been sanctioned. The subsequent request is under process.

(c) and (d) : Eight States were affected and reported drought conditions during the post-monsoon period of 1984. A statement showing the details of Central assistance sought by these States and sanctioned is given in the attached statement.

Statement

The Central Assistance sought by the States affected by Drought and Sanctioned by Government of India During 1984-85 (Post Monsoon Period)

Sl. No.	State	Central assistance sought by the State Government	Sanctioned by the Government of India
1.	Andhra Pradesh	416.58 (Includes demand made in Suppl. Memorandum)	54.42
2.	Himachal Pradesh 1984-85	47.83	} Under process
	1985-86	28.99	
3.	Karnataka Suppl.	209.50 54.50	32.73 Under process
4.	Maharashtra Suppl.	183.11 62.51	30.63 Under process
5.	Madhya Pradesh 1984-85	51.20	11.38
	1985-86	61.72	3.76
6.	Orissa	115.73	Under process
7.	Rajasthan 1984-85	45.47	5.43
	1985-86	114.42	Under process
8.	Uttar Pradesh	181.45	8.10