

**State-wise List of Drought Prone Areas****Statement**

2241. SHRI UTTAM RATHOD: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government have prepared a State-wise list of drought-prone areas throughout the country ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some areas like Usmanabad district and some tehsils of Aurangabad district which are most affected drought prone areas, have not been included in the list for Maharashtra State ; and

(c) if so, will the Government revise the list and include Usmanabad district in the list of drought-prone areas ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BALESHWAR RAM): (a) Yes, Sir. State-wise information on number of districts covered under the Drought Prone Areas Programme is given in the Statement attached.

(b) The Government of Maharashtra had suggested inclusion of six blocks of Osmanabad district and seven blocks of Aurangabad district under the Drought Prone Areas Programme. Out of these areas, only five blocks of Aurangabad district viz. Ambad, Gangapur, Vaijapur, Kannad and Paithan met the criteria laid down for inclusion of new areas under this Programme by the Task Force which reviewed the coverage of this Programme in the country. These five blocks have been included under the Drought Prone Areas Programme ;

(c) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government.

*Coverage of Areas under the Drought Prone Areas Programme*

State	No. of districts covered under the Programme	No. of blocks covered under the Programme
1. Andhra Pradesh	7	66
2. Bihar	2	31
3. Gujarat	8	42
4. Haryana	1	9
5. Jammu & Kashmir	2	12
6. Karnataka	10	70
7. Madhya Pradesh	6	48
8. Maharashtra	9	53
9. Orissa	4	39
10. Rajasthan	4	18
11. Tamil Nadu	3	30
12. Uttar Pradesh	10	63
13. West Bengal	3	29
Total:	69	510

**Encroachment of DDA Land by Green Field Public School**

2242. SHRI S. N. PRASAN KUMAR: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in "D" Block, Vivek Vihar, Delhi, (Jhilmil Tahirpur Residential Scheme), Green Field Public School, has encroached upon D.D.A. land and has constructed seven feet wall to grab the land so encroached ;

(b) whether this has been done with the knowledge and connivance of some officers of D.D.A. ;