

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:491

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LOSS DUE TO RAIN AND FLOOD IN TAMIL NADU AND ANDHRA PRADESH

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware of the huge loss of crops in various districts of Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh due to rains, floods and hailstorm in the month of January and February, 2002;
- (b) if so, whether the Government have sent a team to the States to make assessment;
- (c) if so, the findings thereof; and
- (d) the follow-up action taken thereon and assistance provided to each State?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

- (a): The Government of Tamil Nadu have reported that unseasonal rains in the first week of February, 2002 in the coastal districts caused extensive damage to standing paddy crops, pulses and other dry crops, due to submersion. No report has been received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh.
- (b): No memorandum has been received from either of the State Governments.
- (c): Does not arise.
- (d): During 2001-02, central share of Calamity Relief Fund(CRF) amounting to Rs.196.91 crore to Andhra Pradesh and Rs.80.83 crore to Tamil Nadu have been released for undertaking necessary relief measures in the wake of natural calamities. Distribution of relief at the ground level is the responsibility of the respective State Governments.