

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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ASSISTANCE DUE TO DROUGHT IN BIHAR
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has released funds to Bihar under Calamity Management to the tune of Rs.1.5 crores to compensate for the loss incurred by the State due to droughts during 2004-05;
- (b) if so, the details of programmes implemented in Bihar with the assistance;
- (c) the details of amount spent out of the said assistance; and
- (d) the time by which the remaining amount is likely to be utilized?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): An amount of Rs.162.15 crores from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) was released to Bihar for undertaking immediate relief measures in month of November, 2004. In addition, 2 lakh MTs was released to the State Government , free of cost, under the Special Component of Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) for drought relief employment.

(c)&(d): Utilization of funds is reported by the State Governments to the Ministry of Home Affairs which is the nodal Ministry for monitoring of funds allocated under Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) and NCCF. Requisite information has been called for from that Ministry.