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Title: Need to provide financial assistance to the Government of Punjab for meeting severe drought situation in the State particularly in Bhatinda and Mansa districts - Laid.

SHRI BHAN SINGH BHAURA (BHATINDA) : The severe drought last year left a large number of population of our country in a dire state. The most affected among them are the agricultural labourers in every State.

Though the Central Government has already declared several measures to provide relief to the people affected, the lot of agricultural labourers hardly received due attention, particularly in the districts of Bathinda and Mansa in Punjab.

Therefore, I urge the Government to take immediate measures so that the families of the agricultural labourers survive.

MR. SPEAKER : The House will now take up discussion and voting on the Demand for Grant relating to the Ministry of youth Affairs and Sports for the year 2003-2004.

...(Interruptions)

**14.13 hrs**

*(At this stage, Shri Pravin Rashtrapal and some other hon. Members came and stood on the floor near the Table.)*

MR. SPEAKER : Please go to your seats.

...(Interruptions)

अध्यक्ष महोदय : आप लोगों को और क्या चाहिये, सब कुछ आपको मिल गया।

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : Let the TV coverage be stopped.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : The House stands adjourned to meet again at 11 a.m. on 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2003.

**14.15hrs**

*The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock on Friday, April 25, 2003/Vaisakha 5, 1925 (Saka).*

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