

Title: Need to provide financial assistance to the Government of Karnataka for providing relief to the people affected by drought in the state. - Laid.

SHRI IQBAL AHMED SARADGI (GULBERGA): In the State of Karnataka nearly 800 villages were under the drought. A Central drought study team visited the State in the month of December, 2004 and total 797 villages came under spell of drought in the year of 2004. The highest number of drought prone 199 villages are in Channagiri Taluk and is followed by 156 villages in Davangere Taluk, 146 in Honnali, 134 in Jagalur, 77 in Harihar and 74 in Harapanhalli Taluk.

The district administration had a proposal of Rs. 64.58 core and 61,732 metric tonnes of foodgrains for taking up drought relief in these villages. The Central team visited these districts to assess drought-hit situation, Hadgil Maruthi in Gulbarga Taluk, Gobbur, Gobbur tand, Chowdapur, Chowdapur tands, Chinamgera and other surrounding villages in Afzalpur Taluk. A memorandum was submitted to the Central team seeking immediate release of 28,000 tonnes of foodgrains under drought relief programme. In spite of the visit of Central team and their recommendation the State Government has so far not received the grants in full nor sufficient foodgrains to meet the drought situation in the State.

I request the Government of India to provide financial assistance and foodgrains so that the State Government can provide drinking water, employment, fodder, medicines, nutrition and healthcare to the people in the rural areas of the State.