

	Place	Date
4.	Delhi	18.3.87
5.	Calcutta	2.7.87

**Payment of Compensation to Farmers for Damage to Paddy Crop**

\*6. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of paddy crop which was insured with the General Insurance Corporation damaged due to heavy floods in Godavari River in August, 1986 in West and East Godavari and Krishna districts of Andhra Pradesh,

(b) the amount paid as compensation, the acreage covered and the number of kisans benefited,

(c) the amount still to be paid as compensation; and

(d) the reasons for the delay in payment?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (DR. G.S. DHILLON): (a) Paddy crop in 80 Mandals over an area of 1.72 lakhs hectares was damaged due to heavy floods in Godavari River in August 1986 in West and East Godavari and Krishna districts of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) An amount of Rs. 11.07 crore was paid as compensation to 21, 845 farmers for flood affected area of 34, 531. 13 hectares where damage was 100%.

(c) An amount of Rs. 15.61 crore is still to be paid as compensation.

(d) The delay in payment is because of late submission of yield data in July, 1987 by the State Government to the General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC).

**Drought Affected States**

\*7. SHRI D.N. REDDY:  
SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of serious drought situation prevailing in various parts of the country and the acute shortage of water as a consequence thereof;

(b) the areas which are most severely affected;

(c) the extent of loss suffered, State-wise;

(d) the assessment made by Central team which visited those States;

(e) the allocation of funds made by Union Government to States against the demand made by them; and

(f) the steps taken to tide over the situation arising out of acute famine and shortage of drinking water?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (DR. G.S. DHILLON): (a) and (b). Due to erratic behaviour of the South-West monsoon this year, the States of Rajasthan, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh have reported drought conditions; and the Government of Uttar Pradesh have also reported about the developing drought situation. Report of moisture stress and shortage of water has also been received from Pondicherry Administration.

(c) and (d). Since the monsoon period is not yet over, it is difficult to estimate the losses at this stage. No Central Team has visited any of the drought affected States during the current crop season.

(e) Ceilings of expenditure to the tune of Rs. 226.43 crores have been approved, for tackling drought conditions so far during 1987-88, in respect of nine States including Gujarat, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh.