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Title: Regarding setting up of Farmers facility centre in every village - Laid

SHRI S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN (ARAKKONAM): I request the Government to set up farmers' facility centre in every village. Further, all the vacant agricultural lands should be brought under cultivation. The land holdings including the waste lands should be identified, mapped and segmented with reference to the types of soil to regulate the cultivating pattern. The small and fragmented landholdings should be integrated. Assured quality seeds should be distributed free of cost. The water bodies in the villages should be maintained properly. Manures, fertilizers, and biocides should be provided on time without shortage. Agriculture machineries and equipments such as tractors, tillers, harvesters, pickers, planters and mowers have to be provided.

Minimum Support Price should be fixed at par with increasing cost of production and it should cover fruits and vegetables also. Farm produces should be procured from the farmers directly through epayment. Crop insurance premium should be paid by the government and compensation should be paid during the coverage period itself, Land coverage should be increased adequately for cultivation of fruits, vegetables and forestry crops. Interest free loan should be provided to the farmers to increase their livestock population for furthering income.

ICT enabled National Agro Cloud (NAC) should be created to facilitate farmers to access information and data relating to best farming practices.