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Title: Request government to set up one coffee processing unit in Paderu Constituency and find a way to balance the disparity in pricing for Coffee growers.

KUMARI GODDETI MADHAVI (ARAKU): Hon. Speaker, Sir, Araku Valley coffee is praised and recognised all across Europe and other foreign countries. It had even won an award in the year 2018 in Paris.

There are 93,000 tribal farmers, cultivating 1.5 lakh acres of land, producing about 10,000 tonnes of coffee each year. Though people are paying between Rs. 150 and Rs. 300 per cup, the farmers are being paid only about Rs. 60 per kilogram. This disparity in pay is leaving farmers in dire situations.

Sir, 80 per cent of India's coffee goes to foreign countries. Indian coffee is preferred due to its unique less acidic taste. If the coffee is being sold at adequate market price, then the farmers should also be able to sell their produce at an adequate price. The Government must find a way to balance this disparity in pricing. In my constituency, there are many coffee plantations.

Sir, through you, I would like to request the hon. Minister of Commerce to allot one coffee processing unit in Paderu constituency.

Thank you.