

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Need to take steps to promote mechanised cultivation in Andhra Pradesh to give benefit to the farmers.

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Respected Speaker, Sir, thank you very much for giving me this opportunity. Today, I would like to raise an issue regarding mechanised cultivation because in Andhra Pradesh, in almost 60 per cent of the area, the farmers depend on agriculture only.

I would like to draw the attention of the House to the slogan raised by our former Prime Minister of India Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Ji – Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan. In this context, in my State of Andhra Pradesh, our hon. Chief Minister Shri Jaganmohan Reddy garu recently introduced Rythu Bharosa – PM Kisan programme which includes the Central Government sponsored amount of Rs. 6000 and Rs. 7,500 from our State Government as an investment benefit to the farmers. They are very happy because they are getting the opportunity as investment.

Today, in the Question Hour, so much information about mechanised farming was given by our Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare. In our State, we have started a new and innovative concept – Grama Sachivalaya – Village Secretariat, in which agricultural field officers were appointed. Almost 1.6 lakh youth were appointed. In our State, all these developmental activities are going on. In this context, to promote mechanised cultivation, combined harvestors, sprayers, tractors and drum seeders at the village secretariat level should

be provided by the Central Government which will be a great benefit to the farmers.