

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Need to include work in agricultural farms under National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS) and implement Right to Education in Rural Areas.

**SHRI KURUVA GORANTLA MADHAV (HINDUPUR):** Hon. Speaker, Sir, I represent the Hindupur Parliamentary constituency in Andhra Pradesh. I would like to thank you, our hon. Chief Minister Shri Jagan Mohan Reddy for giving me an opportunity to contest the election and the people of my constituency for voting me to represent them in this august House.

Our constituency is subjected to agrarian crisis resulting in migration of farmers to faraway cities and sending the domesticated animals which are an integral part of our life and culture like oxen to *Kabelas*. There are two reasons for our agrarian crisis. One is the curse of the nature and the other is the indifferent attitude of the earlier Governments. I request the Government to include work in agricultural farms under NREGS which will serve the farmers and coolies. One is that the farmers will get Government-sponsored labour and the other is that employment would be created.

Another issue which needs the immediate attention of the Government is proper implementation of Right to Education in rural area. Agrarian crisis leads to migration resulting in school drop-outs. This is where the children are being turned into anti-social elements. Here it is relevant to recall a Telugu saying, "*Mokkai vanganidi manai vanguna*" which means, "Will he respect the elders of the day, if he is not doing it as a child?" Most of the anti-social elements are the school dropouts. Instead of spending crores of rupees on fighting terrorism and anti-social elements, it is better to implement free and compulsory education effectively in such a way that no child is left outside the school. I happen to see many school dropouts roaming the streets.

I speak with great urgency. My region has a very high incidence of poverty, malnutrition, poor health outcomes and high illiteracy. Being a semi-arid region, the incomes from agriculture are very low and no work is currently available in the non-farm sector. This is pushing people towards desperation and with a heavy heart I say that women are being pushed into flesh trade as a result. Prostitution is happening even in places very close to New Delhi. ...(*Interruptions*) Prostitution and women trafficking are the results of agrarian crisis. Though our constituency is the worst sufferer of these effects, we cannot rule them out in all the poverty-ridden regions across the country. It is an open secret that the women of India migrating to the Gulf are being subjected to sexual exploitation and harassment. Let me quote a poem written by Vemana, a medieval Telugu poet:

*"Medipandu chuda melimai yundunu  
potta vippi chuda purugulundu  
piriki vani madini binka meelaaguraa  
Viswadhaabhiraama, vinura Vema"*

The equal English saying for this Telugu poem is, "All that glitters is not gold."

**माननीय अध्यक्ष:** आप लास्ट पैरा पढ़ दीजिए ।

**SHRI KURUVA GORANTLA MADHAV :** To overcome this issue and to prove that women are considered to be the Goddesses of Bharathavani and to realise India's proudest saying: "*Yatra naryastu pujoyante, ramante thatra Devata*", the Government needs to pay much more serious attention to the issue.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity.

**माननीय अध्यक्ष:** माननीय सदस्य श्री होरेन सिंह बे स्वयं चाय बागान में मजदूर के रूप में काम करते थे और आज माननीय सांसद के रूप में यहां हैं ।