

### **Regarding the problems faced by farmers in Kerala**

**SHRI V.K. SREEKANDAN (PALAKKAD):** Sir, the farmers, especially from the district of Palakkad which is the rice bowl of Kerala, are facing immense difficulties on account of less return for their produce as well as the backlog of amount for the paddy given to the Government. The Government of Kerala has failed to disburse paddy procurement price to thousands of farmers, citing that the Central share of procurement price has not yet been released to the State Government. The farmers were not able to sow for the second season and many of them are on the verge of committing suicide as the farmers are not able to repay the banks loans and other debts due to non-disbursement of money by the Government.

Therefore, I urge upon the Government to look into it and address this issue very seriously. Thank you.