

## **Regarding plight of farmers in Maharashtra-laid**

**SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SADANAND SULE (BARAMATI):** I wish to bring to the attention of the Government towards the plight of farmers in Maharashtra. Unseasonal rainfall, hailstorms, and drought have hit them hard. The most severe impact is observed in districts like Nashik, Buldhana, and Ahmednagar. The crops affected include grapes, onions, bananas, wheat, rice, cotton, papaya, vegetables, and tur dal. The price of onions has also shot up after the rains. This poses a dual challenge for the farmers in the state, as they already face issues due to the impact of drought spread over 40 talukas. The rains and hailstorms have adversely affected the rabi crop, which had already experienced a decline in sowing. Moreover, Maharashtra's Yavatmal district in Vidarbha witnessed the maximum damage, with a staggering 1.3 lakh hectares of crops being affected. Having highlighted their struggles throughout the year, it's time for action. I request the Government to provide a straightforward solution ? a blanket loan waiver for farmers facing losses. Government schemes and relief packages have failed to help them effectively. Loan waiver will ease their financial burden immensely. Let's stand by our farmers and take this step for their welfare.