

**Title:** Need to include Kerala, particularly the district of Palghat, in Crop Insurance Scheme.

1246 hours (Shri K. Yerrannaidu in the Chair)

SHRI N.N. KRISHNADAS (PALGHAT): The State of Kerala is a food deficit State. Now the State is striving hard to increase its paddy production at all levels by giving assistance to the farmers. The District of Palghat in Kerala is an important paddy producing centre. But in Kerala due to the increasing cost of production and natural calamities the paddy farmers are in acute crisis. So, the Central assistance for the paddy farmers is an essential requirement in Kerala. The Project of the "Crop Insurance Scheme" being implemented by the Union Government will be helpful for the farmers. But the State of Kerala is totally excluded from the project.

So, I would urge upon the Government to take immediate and necessary steps to include the State of Kerala especially the district of Palghat in the project of the "Crop Insurance Scheme" implemented by the Union Government.