

Title: Need for review the Government credit policy relating to the farmers.

SHRI RAJESH PILOT : Sir, I have also given a notice on the issue relating to farmer community. This is a very serious issue. ...*(Interruptions)* Hon. Speaker Sir, if you recollect, in the last Lok Sabha, there was a discussion in this House and the whole House showed concern on farmers resorting to commit suicide all over the country and especially in four or five particular States. At that time, you had warned the Government to review their policy of credit to the farmers.

1244 hours (Mr. Deputy-Speaker *in the Chair*)

We pleaded here at that time that we had lost 150 farmers because of the anti-farmer policy of this Government. Sir, in Andhra Pradesh, the State to which my colleague, who spoke just before me, belongs, even yesterday, five farmers have committed suicide. So, I would like the Government and I would request you, Mr. Deputy-Speaker Sir, to fix up a special discussion only to review the policy of credit to the farmers so that the whole House can come out with a solution and committing of suicide by the farmers could be stopped. We have given notices for Calling Attention Motion and also under Rule 193.

I leave it to the wisdom of the Chair. But this discussion must take place so that this very chronic problem of the farmers could be deliberated in the House. Otherwise, farmers' lives would on a totally wrong course.

SHRI P.C. THOMAS (MUVATTUPUZHA): Unrestricted import of some commodities is causing serious trouble to farmers.

SHRI RAJESH PILOT : Sir, I am on a different issue...*(Interruptions)* बड़े दुःख की बात है कि आप भी क्रिकेट की बात पर खड़े हो गये। मैंने फार्मर्स के सुसाइड की बात कही, लेकिन सरकार की तरफ से कोई रिएक्शन नहीं है। पांच किसानों ने आत्महत्या की है and the Government is not reacting. I know, cricket takes over everything. I am not against it. But what about farmers? Farmers have committed suicide but the Government is not reacting to it...*(Interruptions)* क्रिकेट पर शोर मच रहा है। हद हो गयी है, देश में क्या हो रहा है।

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Now, the hon. Minister of Parliamentary Affairs is reacting.

श्री प्रमोद महाजन : सर, प्राथमिकता के आधार पर माननीय राजेश पायलट जी ने किसानों की क्रेडिट समस्या के बारे में जो कहा है, मैं समझता हूँ कि उसको प्राथमिकता देनी चाहिए। उनकी मंशा ठीक है।

जहां तक सरकार का स्वाल है, अगर आप कोई भी समय तय कर लें तो उस पर बहस हो सकती है और सरकार बहस कराने के लिए तैयार है। अभी क्रेडिट पॉलिसी पर तुरन्त जवाब नहीं दिया जा सकता।

श्री राजेश पायलट : यह मेरा आर्युमेंट नहीं है। मैं यह कह रहा हूँ कि हम एक साल से चेतावनी दे रहे हैं कि आपकी पॉलिसी एंटी फार्मर्स है। आप उस पर रिएक्ट क्यों नहीं कर रहे हैं? ये आत्महत्याएं क्यों हो रही हैं?

श्री प्रमोद महाजन : हमारी पॉलिसी एंटी फार्मर्स नहीं है।...*(व्यवधान)*

श्री राजेश पायलट : हम कह रहे हैं कि वह है।

श्री प्रमोद महाजन: आप तो यहीं कहेंगे।

श्री राजेश पायलट: फिर इस विषय पर यहां बहस हो कि आत्महत्याएं क्यों हो रही हैं? Why are people committing suicide? People are committing suicide and you say about the policy approach of the Government to farmers. I have nothing to say about this.

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Unfortunately, the suicides have taken place in many States. These are the States ruled by various political parties, right from my party to your party. So, do not make it a political issue. I appreciate the concern and unless the House discusses it, we cannot come to any conclusion.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Let us stop here now because this issue is very important and the Business Advisory Committee must find some time to discuss it. We will have a discussion on it.

SHRI RAJESH PILOT : Let the hon. Minister finish what he wants to say. I want to hear him.