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Title: Regarding minimum support price for paddy and cotton.

MR. SPEAKER: I have to choose some subjects. All are important issues.

SHRI KINJARAPU YERRANNAIDU (SRIKAKULAM): Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Government has decided to increase the Minimum Support Price of the common variety of paddy and the fine variety of paddy by Rs. 10. In case of cotton, they have decided to increase the Minimum support Price by Rs. 10. In Andhra Pradesh, so far, the farmers are not getting the Minimum Support Price and, as a result, the cotton farmers are in distress. In Maharashtra, the Government is purchasing cotton through MARKFED at Rs. 2,500 per quintal. In Andhra Pradesh, the Cotton Corporation has so far purchased only 10 per cent of the cotton. The remaining 90 per cent of the cotton is being sold by the farmers as distress sale. The Government of India should intervene in this matter. During the 200-days' rule of Congress Government in Andhra Pradesh, 2,000 farmers have committed suicides. The Government has not intervened so far. I would request the Government of India and the Government of Andhra Pradesh to do something in this regard. This is a very important matter. I ask the hon. Home Minister to respond on this issue.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Please give up this idea of trying to force the reply immediately.

...(Interruptions)

SHRI KINJARAPU YERRANNAIDU : Sir, it is a very alarming situation in Andhra Pradesh. ...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: If you cannot co-operate, I will have to adjourn.

...(Interruptions)

SHRI KINJARAPU YERRANNAIDU : Sir, the Home Minister is here. I request him to respond....(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: You are a leader of a Party. How can you do this? I cannot force anybody to give a reply.

Shri Hansraj G. Ahir, Shri G.M. Siddeswara, Shri Prahlad Joshi and Shri S. Mallkarjuniah would kindly associate with this matter.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: No speech please, sorry.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: You have raised an issue this week. No second issue will be allowed in a week.

Now, Shri Ananth Kumar.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: I am only recording your name for possible action.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Nothing will be recorded except what Shri Ananth Kumar says.

(Interruptions)*

*Not Recorded.