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Title: Need to increase the procurement price for paddy.

SHRI N.N. KRISHNADAS (PALGHAT): Sir, food security is posing a very serious challenge against our nation, as all of you know.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: You have given a notice with regard to increasing procurement price of paddy.

SHRI N.N. KRISHNADAS : I will come to that.

The farming community of our country is trying to increase the production of food grains. But the farming community is not at all getting the remunerative price comparing the cost of production of paddy and some other food grains. Now the Government of India is procuring paddy at the rate of Rs. 9 per kg. In our State itself, the Government of Kerala is procuring paddy at the rate of Rs. 12 per kg. So, I urge upon the Government of India to enhance the procurement price of paddy at least at the rate of Rs.15 per kg. It will be helpful for the farming community of the nation. So, I urge upon the Government to declare immediately the procurement price of paddy at Rs.15 per kg.