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Title : Need to set up a food processing center with cold storage facility in Chamrajanagar Parliamentary Constituency, Karnataka.

SHRI M. SHIVANNA (CHAMRAJANAGAR): Sir, the farmers, particularly vegetable, fruit and flower growers, are facing a lot of problems due to lack of marketing facilities in Karnataka. The tomato growers in Chamrajanagar, Mysore, Kolar, Tumkur, and many other areas are forced to throw tomatoes on the roads as there were no takers. This has happened three months ago. Now, the onion growers, including rose-onion growers, are facing the same problem at present. There is a set back for the flower exporters also. Chilly growers of Karnataka and Maharashtra are also agitating for the last several years demanding remunerative price for their produce.

The result of all these problems has led to suicide of farmers as they cannot pay back the bank loan. Chamrajanagar became a district headquarter seven years ago and since then the people, particularly the farmers, are demanding setting up of a food processing rigin. Unfortunately, till today, this has not been taken seriously by the Centre. There is an urgent and genuine need to set up a food processing rigin in Chamrajanagar.

I, therefore, urge upon the Centre to provide sufficient funds and set up a food processing rigin in Chamrajanagar immediately.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: I request the hon. Members to read only the text that they have already given. The text, which has already been approved, will only go on record.

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(ಓಠಠಠ)Translation of the speech riginally delivered in Kannada.