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Title : Non-availability of cooking gas and fertilizers.

SHRIG. KARUNAKARA REDDY (BELLARY): Madam Chairman, there is an acute shortage of cooking gas in my constituency Bellary. Our sisters, particularly the household women are facing a lot of problems due to this shortage. They have to wait for months to get their cooking gas supply. 5 years ago this problem was not at all there in Bellary district. Now, all of a sudden this crisis is creating problems to all families in the entire constituency. I therefore urge upon the hon. Minister of Natural Gas to help the household women in my constituency by providing sufficient quantity of cooking gas from time to time.

One more important matter Madam, is about the shortage of fertilizers. The farmers of Bellary district in Karnataka are demanding again and again for proper supply of fertilizers. Unfortunately, till now no action has been taken by the Centre. The farmers are the backbone of our economy and hence it is our prime duty to rescue them from this crisis.

Hence I request the hon. Union Minister of Fertilizers to provide fertilizers on time to the farmers of Bellary constituency.

I thank you Madam for giving me this opportunity to raise this important issue regarding shortage of fertilizers in Bellary and with these words, I conclude my speech.

* Translation of the speech originally delivered in Kannada.