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Title : Need to check falling prices of cotton in Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI RAYAPATI SAMBASIVA RAO (GUNTUR): ** Sir, I would like to bring to the kind notice of this august House about the plight of the cotton farmers who are facing acute problems with regard to the sale of their cotton.

Sir, it seems that there is no simultaneous interpretation facility. We have requested long time back to arrange for a Telugu Interpreter. Sir, for every language you are arranging an Interpreter. I do not know why you are not arranging an Interpreter for Telugu. It is very bad. For all languages, you are arranging interpretation facility. ... (*Interruptions*)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: As per rules, you have to give a notice.

SHRI RAYAPATI SAMBASIVA RAO : Sir, I have given a notice also. ... (*Interruptions*) If you want me to speak in English, I can speak in English. But in future, I want to speak in Telugu. ... (*Interruptions*)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: You can speak in English now.

SHRI RAYAPATI SAMBASIVA RAO : Sir, when you are entertaining all regional languages, why are you neglecting Telugu language? ... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI K.S. RAO (ELURU): Sir, we are consistently asking for it but nobody has been appointed as Telugu Interpreter. It is a pathetic state for Telugu. ... (*Interruptions*) Sir, many a time we made this request. ... (*Interruptions*)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Please listen. The recruitment of Telugu Interpreter is in process.

SHRI RAYAPATI SAMBASIVA RAO : How long will it take? It is very unfortunate. ... (*Interruptions*)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: As soon as it is possible, we will have the Telugu Interpreter.... (*Interruptions*)

*Not Recorded.

** Translation of the speech originally delivered in Telugu.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri Rayapati Sambasiva Rao, there is no arrangement at present for interpretation. Therefore, I would request you to speak in English today. The recruitment of Telugu Interpreter is in process.

SHRI RAYAPATI SAMBASIVA RAO : Sir, I would like to bring to the kind notice of this august House about the plight of the cotton farmers who are facing acute problems with regard to the sale of their cotton. In India we produced around 2,90,00,000 bales of cotton. As far as our requirement of cotton is concerned, 2,40,00,000 bales of cotton are required throughout India. In the last year we got a surplus of 45,00,000 bales of cotton left over in India. Till yesterday, CCI purchased many bales of cotton from Andhra Pradesh also. Still about 15,00,000 bales of cotton are left over in Andhra Pradesh.

Sir, every Government is talking about farmer and says that farmer is the country's backbone but nobody is looking after the interests of the farmers as regards the sale of their commodity.

Sir, as far as cotton is concerned, CCI bought the cotton around Rs. 2,000 to Rs. 2,400 per quintal. Now, CCI has stopped purchasing it and the price has fallen down to Rs. 1,000 or Rs. 1,500. I request the hon. Minister to intervene and see that at least five lakh bales of cotton are purchased from Andhra Pradesh. Now the cotton farmers are going towards BT seed. As far as BT seed is concerned, we are getting inferior quality of cotton.

With five per cent inferior quality, cotton cannot be sold in the international market. But as far as BT cottonseeds are concerned, we are getting more than five to six per cent inferior quality. That is why, our cotton exporters are unable to export these cottons to the international market. It is because of this situation, I would request the hon. Minister to give direction and see that at least five lakh bales of cotton are purchased from Andhra Pradesh.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: The name of Shri Sudhakar Reddy is also associated.

Chaudhary Lal Singh.

चौधरी लाल सिंह (उधमपुर) : उपाध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं बहुत महत्वपूर्ण विषय पर बोलना चाहता हूँ।

श्री सुरवरम सुधाकर रेड्डी (नालगोंडा) : उपाध्यक्ष महोदय ने मेरा नाम पुकारा है।

चौधरी लाल सिंह : क्या आपने मेरा नाम नहीं सुना है? आपका नम्बर में बाद में आएगा। पहले मुझे बोलना है।

SHRI SURAVARAM SUDHAKAR REDDY : My name was called. ... (*Interruptions*)

चौधरी लाल सिंह : श्री सुधाकर रेड्डी जी दो चैनल एक साथ नहीं चल सकते। चैनल अलग-अलग चलने चाहिए।

SHRI SURAVARAM SUDHAKAR REDDY : The Deputy-Speaker has called my name.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: No, I have not called your name but I have said that as far as your matter is concerned, I have allowed you to associate with him.

SHRI SURAVARAM SUDHAKAR REDDY : No, I am not associating with him. I have different types of points to which he has not given the solution. So, I would like to mention this.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: I will see that later.

... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI SURAVARAM SUDHAKAR REDDY : I am not associating with it. I have different types of solutions on the same subject.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Then, I will give you time later on. Please sit down.

Chaudhary Lal Singh.