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**Title:** Need for Central assistance in tackling the problems being faced by the farming community in Andhra Pradesh.

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SHRI K.S. RAO (ELURU): Sir, cyclone, drought and other natural calamities, un-remunerative prices for agricultural produce, non-availability of adequate and timely supply of credit, adulterated seeds and pesticides have resulted in thousands of farmers committing suicides in Andhra Pradesh. Traditional value-based, hardworking, self-respecting farmers unable to repay the loans with interest due to continuous crop failures and un-remunerative prices for their produce seeing no prospect of clearing the debt and feeling shy to show their faces either to their family members or to the society are resorting to suicides. Unless some solutions are immediately found by Central and State Governments, there is every possibility of not only substantial increase in suicides but also mass migration from rural to urban areas.

The present Government is determined to avoid these suicides by taking several steps such as giving free power, moratorium on repayment of loans and arranging fresh loans at reduced rates of interest, supplying quality seeds and pesticides in time to farmers and Rs. 1.50 lakh to each family of the farmer who committed suicide, immediate sanction and taking up number of minor and medium irrigation schemes, toning up the marketing facilities, allocation of large funds on irrigation and rural development.

So, it is time for Central Government to step in, identify and organise the ways to prevent these suicides. Thank you very much.