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Title : Need to give relief package to Andhra Pradesh for providing irrigation facilities to farmers in the state.

SHRI M. RAJA MOHAN REDDY (NARASARAOPET): Sir, a large number of farmers has committed suicide due to poor economic conditions and unprecedented drought over the past 15 years in the State of Andhra Pradesh. As many as 4261 farmers had ended their lives in the last 3 years which is a matter of grave concern. Out of 31 districts in the country where the problems are acute, 16 fall in Andhra Pradesh.

The Government of Andhra Pradesh has recently apprised the Central Government of the Plight of farmers in the State. The State Government has sought a Rs.70,000 crores special package from the Centre to deal with the agrarian crisis in the State with a major portion being reserved for on-going irrigation projects.

I would request the Central Government to announce the relief package at the earliest and save the farming community.