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Title : Need to set up a 'Food Park' in Ramnagar, Kanakapura Parliamentary Constituency in Karnataka.

SHRIMATI TEJASWINI SEERAMESH (KANAKAPURA): Respected Deputy-Speaker, Sir, Bangalore Rural District is part of my Kanakapura Parliamentary constituency which consists of talukas called Kanakapura, Sathanur, Ramnagar, Channapatna, Magadi, Nelamangala, Doddaballapur, Devanahalli and Hosakote, in which our farmers grow large-scale fruits like mango, grapes and tomato. These farmers are suffering from lack of cold storage, as well as proper marketing facilities. These items are very much perishable items. This district had suffered by severe drought from 2000 to 2004. In this district, 33 farmers committed suicide which was the second highest number in Karnataka State. There is no major irrigation facility or rivers. Even underground water table is very much reducing alarmingly.

I request the Government to set up a world-class large-scale 'Food Park' between Garden City Bangalore and the Royal City Mysore at Ramnagar town which is known for its world famous rocks depicted in the Hindi film Sholay. The upcoming International Airport at 'Devanahalli' will further facilitate our farmers to grow export-quality fruits, vegetables and flowers. This 'Food Park' will provide jobs to our unskilled, less educated rural youths including women.