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Title: Need to ensure adequate supply of fertilizers at affordable rates to the farmers of Zahirabad and Medak regions in Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI SURESH KUMAR SHETKAR (ZAHEERABAD): I would like to draw the kind attention of the august House regarding the problems being faced by the farmers in getting fertilizers in time and at an affordable price not only in Andhra Pradesh but all over the country especially in Telangana areas like Zaheerabad and Medak.

Many farmers are facing lot of problems in getting the fertilizers for various crops purposes in the kharif and rabi seasons at the minimum rates fixed by the Government. Sometimes, there is no stock or the farmers have to stand in queue for many hours due to lack of adequate fertilizers or they have to spend more amount in the black market. Some people and companies are creating shortage of such supply of fertilizes in the market. Many farmers were duped in recent years due to lack of awareness in the supply of fertilizers. There is no proper system to monitor the sale of fertilizers in the market at MRP rates particularly in the remote areas like Zaheerabad, Medak and other Telangana regions in Andhra Pradesh. This is really a concerned issue of the farmers and the overall development of our country. Now, this is the right time for the Government to ensure proper supply of fertilizers to sow the seeds.

I, therefore, request the concerned Hon'ble Minister, to kindly intervene in the matter to ensure that farmers get their fertilizers in time and at MRP rates in all seasons by strictly monitoring the market so that the interests of the farmers could be protected to get the genuine returns for their hard work in improving our economy and growth.