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Title: Need to formulate a National Agriculture Production Policy.

SHRI M. VENUGOPALA REDDY (NARASARAOPET): I would like to draw the kind attention of the august House regarding the dire need to formulate a National Agriculture Production Policy in the remaining XI Five Year Plan.

As we all know that farmers are growing agro products with limited knowledge available locally. This leads to imbalance of production of various products which leads to inflation as well as losses to farmers if anything is produced in surplus, farmers get low price. Hence, the country should have a National Agriculture Production Policy based on National Requirement(All India), Buffer Stock & Safety Stocks, Export Requirement & International Help (on various grounds), Import of Shortcoming (zero duty). Farmers and States must be advised to grow right varieties of products for accruing maximum benefits seeds, yields and most suitable lands and fertile areas and also by giving targets to each State by taking the inputs and required assistance of experts and international agencies like Food & Agricultural Organisation by involving the other agricultural organizations taking into the consideration of the Indian Climate and food habits of the people.

I, therefore, request the Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture to kindly formulate a National Agriculture Production Policy so that the demands of farmers could be fulfilled and help them in getting better income and to keep the agricultural profession alive for our future generation also.