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Title: Need to provide opium licence (Patta) to farmers in Rajasthan.

SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH (JHALAWAR): Opium Policy is declared by the Union Government once a year. Since last few years, there has been no meeting of Union Government for the policy decision. During the year 2006-07, there was mass destruction of opium crop due to severe weather conditions and hail storm. But this year, when the policy was made, the farmers who lost their crop in year 2006-07, were not taken care of in the policy statement.

The Government needs to help needy opium growers whose crop was destroyed in the year 2006-07 to get the opium pattas for the following year as this year they were deprived of the pattas.

I, therefore, urge the Union Government to take a look at it and provide opium pattas to farmers.