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Title: Need to extend minimum support price to 'Jyothi' variety paddy and address the problems being faced by the farmers of Chamarajanagar Parliamentary Constituency in Karnataka.

SHRI R. DHYUVANARAYANA (CHAMRAJANAGAR): Sir, thank you very much for giving me this opportunity.

I would like to draw the attention of the House regarding the farmers and paddy growers who are facing severe problems in my Constituency, ie., Chamarajanagar and parts of Mysore District as well as Shimoga District in Karnataka State. The farmers have grown Jyothi variety of paddy which covers about 25,000 hectares of area and they produced 1,250 MT of grains. The local traders are giving Rs. 850 to Rs.900 per quintal.

So, my request would be to include this Jyothi variety of paddy under the list of the Food Corporation of India. Right now, a lot of agitation is going on in my Constituency, Chamarajanagar and in parts of Mysore District as well as in the Shimoga District. So, please extend Minimum Support Price to Jyothi variety of paddy also. The Government of India should take necessary steps for procurement of Jyothi variety of paddy.

Thank you.

SHRI PONNAM PRABHAKAR (KARIMNAGAR): Sir, please allow me to associate with this matter.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: You are allowed to be associated with this matter.