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Title: Need to evolve a scheme for the farmers of Semi-Urban areas on the pattern of MGNREGA.

SHRIMATI BOTCHA JHANSI LAKSHMI (VIZIANAGARAM): Thank you hon. Chairman Sir for allowing me to raise the matter of public importance. We all know the success of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act Programme which has immensely benefited farmers and agricultural labourers, small and marginal farmers living in rural areas. It provided them economic stability and checked the migration to urban areas a lot.

Sir, there is a need to have similar programme for small and marginal farmers living across the country in semi-urban areas, grade two and three municipalities like the MGNREGA Scheme.

Agriculture is the main occupation of the people living in these areas. As the MGNREGA scheme is limited to rural areas, small and marginal farmers living in semi-urban areas are not able to benefit under MGNREGA scheme. As a result, they are not able to create any durable assets. Even to undertake repair of tanks, lifting silt, water conservation works, they are not able to do it because of paucity of funds. In a way, they are forced to leave the agriculture.

Considering the poor economic condition of these farmers and to check their migration from semi-urban areas to urban areas, I request the Government to evolve a scheme for the farmers of semi-urban areas on the pattern of MGNREGA.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The House stands adjourned to meet tomorrow, the 22nd March, 2012 at 11.a.m.

21.48 hrs

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock

on Thursday, March 22, 2012/ Chaitra 2, 1934(Saka).

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