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Title: Need to provide financial assistance to the farmers of Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU (SRIKAKULAM):I would like to bring to kind notice of the Government that scores of farmers have committed suicides between 2004-2014. Our Government has always lent a helping hand to farmers. The Government of Andhra Pradesh is also in discussion with the banks to help the farmers. Due to the division of the State, Andhra Pradesh is facing Rs. 16000 crore deficit in its finances. In 2008 Government of India had also given loan waiver and all the banks at that time had helped the Government. Now the banks are not in a position to lend a helping hand to the Government. This is causing a huge problem to the State Government in ensuring that the farmers are helped. In spite of this, the Chief Minister has given a total sum of Rs. 11065 core as a beginning. 23,45,000 farmers have availed a loan of below Rs. 50000 which has been waived by the Government. Above Rs. 50000, the interest of the loans will be paid by the Government in five installments. This scheme benefitted 37,15,000 farmers. In December 2014, Rs. 4600 crore and in March 2015 Rs. 2377 crore have been released by the Government. 2,23,000 horticulture farmers have been released a sum of Rs. 384.47 crore. In spite of this, we are still in need of more money to offset the burden of the State and therefore in the interest of the farmers, we request the Central Government to come forward and share this burden with the State of Andhra Pradesh as the total amount needed is Rs. 24500 crore.