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*title: Need to include betel plantation under National Agricultural Insurance Scheme.

SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR JENA (BALASORE): Thank you Speaker Madam for giving me an opportunity to raise an issue in which our twenty million farmers are depending on betel leaf which we call *Paana Patra* in our local language. Over Rs. 50 billion of revenue is being generated from this local produce. But 20 million farmers of the country including the farmers of Odisha Coastal belt, West Bengal, Andhra and Tamil Nadu are suffering. The pity is that this betel leaf has not been considered as a part of the agricultural produce in our country. There have been consistent demand for this betel leaf to be included as agriculture produce and the farmers have suffered from hud-hud cyclone and also suffering from continuous natural calamities in the coastal belt. So, my demand to the Agriculture Minister through you Madam is that let betel leaf or Paan patra be considered as a part of the agriculture produce and all the facilities including agriculture insurance be extended by which our twenty million farmer in our country get the benefit and cluster be developed in Balasore, Kendrapara and all the coastal areas of Odisha. Thank you Madam.