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Title: Need to provide compensation to farmers whose crops have been damaged due to untimely rain and increase the minimum support price of paddy.

SHRI KARADI SANGANNA AMARAPPA (KOPPAL): Sir, thank you very much for giving me time to speak on untimely rain and its impact in my constituency, Koppal, and in Sindhanoor, Raichur and Bellary and nearby areas. Koppal and nearby areas have witnessed heavy rainfall for the last one week. Almost four lakh acres and 10 lakh tonnes of paddy have been affected due to the untimely rain. Variety which is mostly getting affected is 'Sona Massori', which is considered as the best quality of paddy. Farmers who grow paddy in these areas mostly depend on its production. Untimely rain is ruining the crops. Lakhs of farmers are facing livelihood problem due to untimely rain which has come at the time of harvesting.

Therefore, I would like to demand from the Government of India to provide compensation to the farmers and increase the minimum support price of paddy from Rs.1360 to Rs.1600.