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Title: Need to establish separate Crop Insurance Wing in Department of Agriculture.

SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU (SRIKAKULAM): Madam Speaker thank you for giving me an opportunity to speak during the 'Zero Hour'. This is a concern relating to the farmers of India. Agricultural production and farm incomes have gradually decreased over the past few years because of natural disasters, such as drought, cyclones, landslides, earthquakes.

The farmers also face other problems, such as sale of spurious seeds, fertilizers, pesticides and fire. Because of this and also because of the growing commercialisation of agriculture, the farm income has reduced considerably.

Therefore, I would request the Government of India to set up a separate agriculture crop insurance wing in the Agriculture Ministry. Presently there is a scheme, but the farmers, because of being illiterate and because of not knowing the financial procedures of the scheme, are not able to get the benefits.

If you look at the insurance schemes run by the LIC, they are all prevalent throughout the country, including in the rural areas. That is because of the LIC agents who get an incentive every time some one takes insurance. So, similar set-up has to be evolved in the agricultural insurance also. There has to be crop insurance agents, who will go to the farmers, educate them and also make them take the insurance so that they get the benefits. Thank you.

HON. SPEAKER: Shri Arvind Sawant and Shri Dushyant Chautala are allowed to associate with the matter raised by Shri Ram Mohan Naidu Kinjarapu.

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