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Title: Need to set up a Central Agriculture University, Rice Park and Seeds Development Unit in the unutilized land lying with the State Farms Corporation of India Limited in Koppal Parliamentary Constituency, Karnataka.

SHRI KARADI SANGANNA AMARAPPA (KOPPAL): I would like to draw the kind attention of Union Government towards the setting up of a Central Agriculture University, Rice Park or Seeds Development Unit at Koppal District, Karnataka.

It is to bring to the kind notice of the Union Government that a unit of State Farms Corporation of India Ltd (SFCIL), a Government of India Undertaking, is situated at Javalgere in Sindhanoor Taluk of my Constituency Koppal, Karnataka. This started in 1968 having 7000 acres of land. It has come to my notice that only 3000 acres of land has been used for this purpose by the State Farms Corporation of India Ltd. Remaining 4000 acres of land is lying unused for the past 25 years. It is also learnt that SFCIL is incurring loss. Horticulture crops like grapes, Mango, Flowers, Pomegranates and Banana are also available in ample amount. Research institute for horticulture & floriculture is very much required. Nearly 10 lakh acres of area is irrigated land in Kopal constituency. Sona Massori is the major Rice growing place in Karnataka.

So, I would like to request the Minister concerned to set up a Central Agriculture University, Rice Park for Paddy cultivation and Seeds Development Unit in the unused 4000 acres of land.