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Title: Need to provide a special relief package to the pomegranate and grape growing farmers.

SHRI KARADI SANGANNA AMARAPPA (KOPPAL): Sir, I want the problems faced by the pomegranate and grape growers of Karnataka.

Pomegranate and grape are the important fruit crops grown in a large scale in many districts of Karnataka. Farmers of Koppal, Bijapur and Bagalkot districts are facing great hardship in recent years. But the problems faced by them are due to diseases such as bacterial blight and other things. As a result, the farmers are not in a position to make repayment of bank loan.

Therefore, I urge the Union Government to come to the rescue of both pomegranate and grape growers by announcing a special relief package to waive off interest and principal loan taken by the farmers.