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Title: Need to provide financial assistance to farmers in Telangana distressed due to loss of crops caused by unseasonal rains and hailstorms.

**SHRI BHEEMRAO B. PATIL (ZAHEERABAD) :** I would like to draw the kind attention of the Government regarding the recent unseasonal torrential rains coupled with hailstorms which have claimed lives of about five persons and damaged 20,000 acres of crops in Telangana. In many parts of Telangana, normal life was disrupted in many towns and left hundreds of villages without electricity as hail winds uprooted electrical poles. There are 52 lakh farm holdings in Telangana and the major crops grown are paddy, sugarcane, cotton, tobacco, turmeric, mango, jowar, mirchi, maize, etc. The major districts affected are Karimnagar, Nalgonda and Nizamabad. I am pained to state that in Telangana, horticultural crops in 1594 hectares were affected and power supply got disrupted in 100 villages. While our hon. CM of Talangana has immediately announced Rs.5 lakh as compensation as an immediate measure, irated Telangana farmers in Khammam Mirchi market and Miryalagudda paddy market yard organized Rasta Roko demanding purchase of drenched produce lying in open air at the market yards. Onions were damaged in Malakpet Market yard due to sudden rain in Hyderabad. Rainwater got stagnated in and around houses at Allamthota Bavi, Mayur Marg and Begumpet, in Hyderabad causing inconvenience to road users. About 30 trees fell in Chikkadpally, Narayanaguda and other areas. Due to water-logging and bad road condition, traffic was adversely affected on major roads. Power supply got snapped in several localities. Thousands of houses got inundated in the entire Telangana.

Keeping in view the above position. I request the hon. Minister of Agriculture through the Chair, to kindly intervene in the matter and provide financial succour to the farmers in Telangana state without further delay.