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Title: Need to increase assistance under Calamity Relief Fund (CRF).

SHRI NAGENDRA KUMAR PRADHAN (SAMBALPUR): Madam, I am drawing the attention of the House to enhancing the input assistance under CRF to affected farmers.

Farming in modern days has become very cost-intensive with more of technological inputs. Any form of natural calamity which visits our State of Odisha very regularly causes great damage. Outbreak of disease and pest attack, etc. inflict irreparable loss to the farmers. The impact of climate change is expected to worsen the loss suffered in the farm sector, which is the life-line of our country. Unless and until ample assistance is extended to the suffering farmers, it would be impossible for them to resurrect their farm enterprise. The input assistance extended from the Calamity Relief Fund to the affected farmers for crop loss suffered due to natural calamities need to be enhanced suitable from the existing Rs.6800 and Rs.13,500 per hectare of un-irrigated and irrigated land respectively subject to a minimum of Rs.2000/- Similarly, the input assistance for perennial and horticultural crops for crop loss at Rs.18000 per hectare should also be enhanced suitably subject to a minimum of Rs.4000/-

HON. SPEAKER: Shri Rajeev Satav.

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HON. SPEAKER: Shri C. Gopalakrishnan.