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Title: Need to address the problems being faced in Emu bird farming in Telangana.

SHRI P. SRINIVASA REDDY (KHAMMAM): Emu birds came in India in 1996. The Central Government and the united Andhra Pradesh State have made high level propaganda encouraging farmers to come forward for Emu bird farming. The Government of India and NABARD have given assurance to the enthusiastic farmers that Emu farming will be very encouraging and high level profits will be derived by the farmers. Attracted by the propaganda of the Government, about 20,000 farmers have come forward to take up Emu birds farming. There is no market facilities to sell the birds, meat, oil and its products, etc. The Central and State Governments have totally ignored providing market facilities due to which farmers faced irreparable losses. Due to this miserable situation, some of the farmers are attempting to commit suicide. All this happened because of not creating market facilities to Emu birds farming and their products. I, therefore, earnestly appeal to the Government through this august House to think over this issue seriously and address the farming community of Emu birds to save the farmers.