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Title:Need to take steps to waive off the farmers loan in nationalised banks.

SHRI S.P. MUDDAHANUME GOWDA (TUMKUR): Sir, the farmers in the country are facing a very peculiar situation. In some parts of the country, there is severe drought and there is no drinking water. In some portion of the country, because of the heavy floods the farmers are losing their crops. In my constituency, in Tumkur in Karnataka, the same situation prevails. In more than fifty per cent of the area, the standing crop was lost because of the heavy rains in Tamil Nadu. As a consequence of heavy rains in Tamil Nadu, we lost crops in fifty per cent of the area in my constituency. In the remaining fifty per cent of the area, there is severe drought. There is no drinking water. As a result of this, the farmers are forced to commit suicide. In 2014-15, more than 4,650 farmers committed suicide.

In the last UPA's regime, Dr. Manmohan Singh was kind enough to waive the farmers loan in nationalised banks. Nearly Rs. 72,000 crore of loan was waived in nationalised banks. Hence, I urge upon this NDA Government to take at least one measure to see that the farmers loan in nationalised banks is waived and save the farmers in this country. That is my submission.