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Title: Need to procure maize at MSP from the farmers of Telangana.

SHRI CH. MALLA REDDY (MALKAJGIRI): Madam Speaker today I wish to raise one very important issue related to the plight of the farmers in of Telangana. In Telangana, the farmers are facing a lot of difficulties and they have been hurt very badly due to poor yield and procurement. In Telangana farming is not very diverse. Maize is grown by the farmers in close to 80% of the cultivable area in the State. Government of India procures many crops like paddy by giving Minimum Support Price, but Telangana farmers mostly produce coarse grains like Maize due to poor condition of rainfall and soil. Maize is a staple food of Telangana and it is also a feed for cattle and an important component of the starch industry. Majority of these farmers are extremely poor and own very little land. I request the government to initiate procurement of Maize from these farmers at MSP.