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Title: Need to formulate a separate budget for agriculture and allied sectors.

SHRI JAYADEV GALLA (GUNTUR): India is an agrarian country and the green revolution has made India self-sufficient and in some cases, even surplus in some types of foods. But unfortunately, in the recent past, the farmers, who are behind this outstanding achievement, are resorting to suicides. The fundamental reasons being taken for such an extreme step are the increase in input costs, loss in agricultural operations, spurious seeds and fertilizers, lack of minimum support price, pathetic marketing of their produce and many other things, including vagaries of nature.

The farmers are constantly either praying for rain or crying for no rain.

The second dangerous trend that is growing rapidly is that the farmers are leaving their agricultural operations by selling their small land-holdings and migrating to urban areas as they are not able to get two square meals a day. If this continues, we will have to move back to 'ship-to-mouth' situation and this is not a healthy sign for the Indian agriculture.

The reason I am bringing all these things is to address the issue. For the first time in the country our Chief Minister Shri Nara Chandrababu Naidu Garu has decided to have a separate budget for agriculture and started doing this from the current year itself to help make agriculture profitable and sustainable and extend their helping hand to our rural economy, to regain its lost glory and finally, make farmers prosperous.

So, I request the hon. Prime Minister, who has resolved to double the income of farmers by 2022, to please have a separate budget for agriculture, which will definitely help in achieving this ambitious goal.

HON. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Shri Kunwar Pushpendra Singh Chandel is permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shri Jayadev Galla.