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Title: Need to recruit sufficient staff for smooth issuance of Crop Insurance Policies in the country.

SHRI SURESH C. ANGADI (BELAGAVI): Thank you very much, Sir, for giving me this opportunity.

Sir, I would like to congratulate the hon. Prime Minister for introducing a unique "*Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana*" for the welfare and social security of our farmers at a nominal premium against the loss of crop for any reasons beyond their control. This is to ensure their security and further prevention of any more suicides.

But, I am pained very much by the attitude of the bankers, who are straightaway refusing crop insurance to the farmers. One of the reasons for refusal is shortage of staff to carry out the insurance work. Then, posting of bank staff from other States, who are not able to speak the local language adds further problem in delivery of good service. In view of this, many farmers are not able to insure their crops and are complaining about it to their elected representatives.

I urge upon the hon. Finance Minister to ensure posting of sufficient staff for extending courteous services with politeness in respect of issuing crop insurance policies well in time.

Last but not least, posting of suitable staff, who are well-versed in local languages, at all levels should also be ensured. I also request the Government to extend the last date for crop insurance for at least one month to save our farmers.

At last, I request the Government to include sugarcane and mulberry in the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana. With these words, I conclude. Thank you, Sir.

HON. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri Prahlad Joshi, Shri Sharad Tripathi, Shri Kunwar Pushpendra Singh Chandel and Shri Nalin Kumar Kateel are permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shri Shri Suresh C. Angadi.