

**Abolition of Central Government subsidy for paddy**

DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM (Tamil Nadu): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Chairman, Sir. My Zero Hour mention is regarding a very important issue on subsidy on paddy seeds. For the last fourteen years, from the year 2000 onwards, the State Government of Tamil Nadu had been giving subsidy on paddy seeds at the rate of rupees five per kilogram. This year, the Government of India announced subsidy on paddy seeds at the rate of rupees ten per kilogram. This is a welcome thing, Sir. But due to that, after announcement of subsidy of rupees ten per kilogram by the Central Government, the State Government of Tamil Nadu has withdrawn the subsidy which was earlier given by the State Government on paddy seeds. But the issue is, the Central Government subsidy is only to *suvarna sub* seeds. These seeds are not fit for our conditions, Sir. These seeds are not fit not only for Tamil Nadu but also for Kerala. These seeds are not for our climate and soil condition of particularly the Kaveri delta area. In Tamil Nadu, the variety of seeds of medium-term crops are No. 1009, ADT 43, ADT 45, CO 43 and the short-term varieties are ADT 36, ASD 16, BPT, etc. These seeds are not coming under the Central Government subsidy. But the State Government is abolishing its own subsidy. These are excluded ...(Interruptions)...

SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: What are you saying? ...(Interruptions)...

DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: By expecting the Central subsidy ...(Interruptions)...

The farmers of Tamil Nadu are preparing ...(Interruptions)...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: What is the problem? ...(Interruptions)...

DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: I am not accusing ...(Interruptions)...

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DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Now the farmers of Tamil Nadu are preparing ...(Interruptions)...

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DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: These varieties have to be included. ...(Interruptions)...

That's all. ...(Interruptions)...

These varieties have to be included in the subsidy... (Interruptions)...

The Central Government has announced it only for Swarna Sub. ...(Interruptions)...

Swarna Sub is not fit for our cultivation area. ...(Interruptions)...

Sir, these have to be included for seed subsidy. ...(Interruptions)...

Thank you, Sir.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please take your seat. ...(Interruptions)...

Shri Ramdas Athawale. He is not present. ...(Interruptions)...

Shri Vijay Jawaharlal Darda.