

**Need for prioritising rainfed areas for implementation of KUSUM****Scheme for farmers**

SHRI G. V. L. NARASIMHA RAO (Uttar Pradesh): Mr. Chairman, Sir, through this intervention, I would like, first of all, to compliment the Government for the new scheme, the KUSUM Yojana, under which ₹ 35,000 crores of Central assistance is being given for promoting solar power for the farmers. The full form of PM-KUSUM is Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha Evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan. This scheme is being proposed as an attempt to make annadatta into urjadatta, someone who generates power. My submission to the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy Sources is to focus on rainfed areas for implementation of this scheme because more than 55 per cent of the gross cropped area in this country is rainfed agriculture where there are no assured sources of irrigation. Sir, 61 per cent of the farmers in the country depend on rainfed agriculture, इसलिए मेरा सरकार से आग्रह है, सुझाव है कि सरकार “कुसुम योजना” को rainfed areas में, वर्षा आधारित प्रांतों में implement करने की प्राथमिकता देने का कष्ट करे। There are three components under this scheme. One component is giving 17.5 lakh stand-alone solar pumps and these pumps will be given to people in off-grid areas where there is no direct connectivity with the sub-stations of power generators. So, my submission is, all the three components, under which farmers will get an opportunity to enhance their incomes, may be implemented on greater priority in areas which are dependent on rainfed agriculture because this is a scheme with a huge allocation of ₹ 35,000 crores and nearly about 30 lakh farmers are going to find this as an additional source of income for their livelihood. Since the incomes in rain fed areas are low, my appeal is to prioritise implementation in areas which lack agricultural support. These are the farmers who also have poor income. Only 20 per cent of their income comes from agriculture. मेरा सरकार से आग्रह है कि सरकार “कुसुम योजना” को implement करते समय राज्य सरकारों को यह सूचित करे कि जहां वर्षा आधारित कृषि होती है, वहां इस स्कीम को ज्यादा प्राथमिकता दें, ताकि ऊर्जा को जनरेट करने में भी उन प्रांतों के किसान लाभान्वित हों, उनकी आमदनी ज्यादा बढ़े। यह मेरा सरकार से आग्रह है।

**श्री नारायण लाल पंचारिया** (राजस्थान) : महोदय, मैं इस विषय के साथ स्वयं को संबद्ध करता हूँ।

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सरदार बलविंदर सिंह भुंडर (पंजाब) : महोदय, मैं भी इस विषय के साथ स्वयं को संबद्ध करता हूँ।

श्री विनय दीनू तेंदुलकर (गोवा) : महोदय, मैं भी इस विषय के साथ स्वयं को संबद्ध करता हूँ।

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### **Requirement of funds to meet flood calamity in Karnataka**

DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH (Karnataka): Sir, several districts in the State of Karnataka are affected by heavy rainfall and also release of water from Maharashtra dams. Five districts in North Karnataka, Belagavi, Bagalkot, Vijayapura, Raichur and Yadgir, continue to reel under floods caused by heavy rain, and excess water has been released from Maharashtra dams which has affected these districts completely. The situation in two days turned worse with Maharashtra releasing more water from Koyna and Varana dams into Krishna river, causing heavy inflow into Almatti and Narayanapura dams.

On Sunday, more villages in Belagavi, Bagalkot and Vijayapura districts, located downstream of Krishna Basin, were inundated and heavy damage caused to property and crops. Several villages turned into islands! The heavy release of water from Almatti dam, which is now at 518 feet against its total capacity of 519 feet is causing the problem. So, water is released. Due to this, crops and property in areas downstream from the reservoir are severely affected. And, Sir, hundreds of acres of standing crop in Raichur and Yadgir districts are under flood water and farmers are in big trouble.

Sir, as per the situation reported on floods in Karnataka, there are 12 Districts - Dakshin Kannada, Udupi, Uttar Kannada, Kodagu, Chikkamagaluru, Shimoga, Hassan, Belagavi, Vijayapura, Bagalkot, Yadgir – and around 68 villages are totally submerged due to heavy rain. Sir, in the last 24 hours, thousands of people have been affected by these floods, hundreds of people lost their lives and it caused death of huge livestock.

Sir, this region received between 41-49 per cent of excess rainfall.

So, I urge upon the Government to pay immediate attention to this situation and release funds to Karnataka State and rehabilitate the affected people. I also appeal to