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Title: Issue regarding releasing of pending amount of rice subsidy to Andhra Pradesh State Civil Supplies Corporation from the Government of India.

SHRI TALARI RANGAIAH (ANANTAPUR): Thank you Chairman, Sir, for giving me the opportunity to speak on an important issue. About Rs.1728 crore are still pending under rice subsidy to Andhra Pradesh State Civil Supplies Corporation from the Government of India. Though Rs.2498 crore have already been released, Rs.1728 crore are still pending. This amount is very crucial for the State. The State has to release money to the farmers under Minimum Support Price operations and to Self-Help Groups and cooperative societies for handling procurement operations. Otherwise, the procurement for the year 2020-21 will be badly hampered.

My State of Andhra Pradesh is undergoing severe financial stress due to unresolved issues caused by bifurcation and COVID-19 pandemic. Our hon. Chief Minister, Shri YS Jaganmohan Reddy Garu has already written to the hon. Prime Minister about this. Through you, I request the hon. Minister concerned to release the dues at the earliest. Thank you, Sir.