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Title: Regarding MSP for Pulses and Millets.

**SHRI POCHA BRAHMANANDA REDDY (NANDYAL):** My Parliamentary Constituency Nandyal of Andhra Pradesh lies in a scarce rainfall area. The Minimum Support Price declared for pulses and millets is not sufficient to cover the production cost. In addition to this, the Government agencies are not procuring the pulses and millets in a timely manner. As a result of lack of procurement by the Central Government agencies, the current rate is Rs. 1000, less than MSP for both the products. Hence, this situation is forcing the farmers to store the crops at private cold storages. Due to this, the farmers are neither able to close their previous loans nor able to secure new crop loans.

In this regard, I would like to request the hon. Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, through you, to instruct the agencies like NAFED, SFAC to do the necessary procurement at the earliest, so that the farmers could be benefited.