

le: Need to Establish Krishi Vigyan Kendra at Palnadu.

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Sir, yesterday, in NITI Aayog meeting also, hon. Prime Minister mentioned about doubling the farmer's income and also about adding new technologies in the agriculture sector.

Sir, I come from the backward area of Palnadu which is very famous for chillies and cotton. In the last two years, because of new infestations like thrips, production of chilly crops has been wasted and the farmers have lost almost Rs.80,000 to rupees one lakh.

The whole district of Guntur is a very big agricultural power house. But it does not have a single Krishi Vigyan Kendra. During the last three years, a lot of efforts has been put to set up a Krishi Vigyan Kendra in Palnadu area, especially in Guntur. This Government is saying that a lot of benefits is being given to agriculture but they are not giving Krishi Vigyan Kendras in private society. The State Government has applied for the same, but they are not sanctioning it.

I had the opportunity to visit Baramati. They have one of the best KVKs there. The amount of work that they are doing with sugarcane farmers there is to be seen to be believed.

This Government is talking about agriculture, doubling the farmers' income etc. So, I request the Government, through you, to sanction one Krishi Vigyan Kendra. The application has been pending with the Government for the last three years. We request the Government to process it as soon as possible and sanction one KVK in Palnadu area.