

Regarding providing legal status to MSP for agriculture produce-laid

SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE (BARAMATI): Our farmers have once again been forced to take to the streets to compel the Government to fulfil its promise of providing legal status to MSP for agriculture produce and they have been met with violence and harassment. Peaceful marches have been halted by barricades, tear gas shells, and roads lined with barbed wire and nails. The police have also resorted to underhanded tactics of creating fear and intimidation to suppress this movement, surrounding villages, forbidding farmers from leaving their homes, and threatening farmers, including the elderly and sick, with arrest if they choose to participate in it.

It is deeply regrettable that our farmers, who toil relentlessly to feed the nation, are being treated as adversaries by the state. The guarantee of MSP in the $C2 + 50\%$ formula as recommended by the Swaminathan Commission is long due, and will be the lifeline that revives our declining agriculture sector that has slumped over the last decade.