Regarding effect of unseasonal rains to production of onion and grapes in Nashik district

SHRI BHASKAR MURLIDHAR BHAGARE (DINDORI): Hon?ble Chairman, my Nashik district produces 10% of the entire onion production in India. During last season, it was more than the average, but due to unseasonal rains in the month of May, the onion and grapes production badly affected. I have given a request letter to Hon? ble Agriculture Minister in this regard. Due to heavy raining, crops like onion and grapes are severely damaged. So, a wet drought should be declared.

Currently, the farmers are not getting remunerative prices for onions and hence incurring losses. They are unable to recover even the production cost. Hence, I would like to request Central Government to declare an MSP for onion and it should be procured through NAFED and NCCF.

An onion-based food processing industry should also be set up in my constituency. Thank you.