

## **Regarding plight of banana farmers in Andhra Pradesh**

**SHRI P. V. MIDHUN REDDY (RAJAMPET):** Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Madam, through you, I would like to bring one issue to the notice of the Government. The banana farmers in Andhra Pradesh are in a great distress. A tonne of bananas, which were costing Rs. 25,000 rupees, are being sold at 50 paise a Kg. For 50 paise, you would not even get a biscuit or a matchbox. Just imagine, the farmers are not even getting the cost of cutting the bananas.

Madam, through you, I demand a few things from the Government. During the previous YSRCP Government, free crop insurance was being given to the farmers and an input subsidy was also being given, and there were a lot of special trains which were operated. So, I demand from the Government that a free crop insurance should be there. I also demand for an input subsidy and operation of more trains from Andhra Pradesh so that banana can be transported, and immediately, an MSP be announced for the benefit of banana farmers.

My constituency, especially the Koduru area, is a hub for banana farmers. So, I want a Central team also to visit and see the plight of the farmers there and take steps so that in future, such issues do not happen.

Thank you very much.