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**Title:** Need to make immediate payment to the farmers of the Orissa for the already procured paddy by the Food Corporation of India (FCI).

SHRI PRASANNA ACHARYA : Sir, farmers are committing suicide in my constituency. You heard the problem of U.P. Now, please hear the problem of Orissa also. ...(*Interruptions*)

In my constituency, on the 27<sup>th</sup> of this month, one farmer committed suicide in front of the Collector's Office. In U.P. we heard that farmers committed suicide out of starvation. But in South pockets of Orissa, in procuring crops of rabi, the FCI is not purchasing paddy from the farmers. Even whatever paddy has been purchased, the FCI is not effecting payment in time. One poor farmer was starving. The FCI which is procuring paddy through the miller agents, did not effect payments to the farmers for months together. So, that farmer consumed poison in front of the Collector's Office and died. This is going to happen everywhere.

So, my appeal to the Government, through you, Sir, is to impress upon the FCI to make immediate payment to the farmers for the paddy that was procured. Otherwise, more and more farmers are likely to die. ...(*Interruptions*)

Sir, this is a very important problem, and you may please direct the Government to take care of this problem. ...(*Interruptions*)

अध्यक्ष महोदय : उन्होंने नोटिस दिया हुआ है। आप बैठिये।

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