

Title: Need to waive off interest on the agricultural loans given to the farmers in drought affected areas.

SHRI PRABODH PANDA (MIDNAPORE): Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the Government to an important matter. Many things have been said in the interest of *kisans*. A few days back, our hon. Prime Minister gave an assurance publicly that he will do something in the interest of the *kisans*.

Sir, I would like to draw your attention to the fact that during the last Budget Session, the Prime Minister himself and the Finance Minister also gave an assurance to waive the interest on the agricultural loan in the drought affected areas. But it has not been done so far. It is a matter of deep regret. Therefore, I would like to request the Government to fulfil its assurance...*(Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN: I will call your name also. I have promised to the hon. Members to give chance.