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Title: Need to accelerate the growth in Agriculture Sector.

SHRIMATI ARCHANA NAYAK (KENDRAPARA): More than 60% of our population is depended upon agriculture while the agricultural sector's contribution is only about 18% of the G.D.P. Hence there is a low per capita income in the farm sector. 82% of the total land holdings of the farmers is small and marginal. Poor market conditions, lack of cold storage facilities, lack of electricity and irrigation facilities, inferior quality seeds, vagaries of nature, unviable economic conditions, crop failures etc. lead to our farmers to miseries. They get trapped in debts due to crop failures when drought or flood affects them. In some cases they are driven to commit suicide.

I, therefore, urge upon the Government to bring immediate measures to accelerate the overall growth of the agricultural sector and improve the well being of millions of farmers in the country.