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Title: Need to create a National Rural Bank and redress the grievances of Regional Rural Banks in Andhra Pradesh.

SHRIMATI BOTCHA JHANSI LAKSHMI (VIZIANAGARAM): Sir, as per the plan of Union Government the Rural Banks are on a massive expansion in the next two years. They have been asked to open no frill accounts of all people associated with National Rural Employment Guarantee Programme (NREGP) and other welfare schemes. The Government also intends to introduce core banking in Rural Banks by 2011. Accordingly, the officers and employees of RRB are appealing for need-based manpower planning to ensure recruitment and promotions to all staff. They are also demanding formation of 'National Rural Bank' for effective implementation of all rural banking plans. The RRBs in the State of Andhra Pradesh are facing acute shortage of staff which is affecting the smooth functioning of the RRBs and lack of promotions for decades is demoralizing the staff.

I, therefore request the Finance Minister, through this august House, to initiate a large scale recruitment of the educated rural unemployed youth from local areas to augment flow of credit besides effective implementation of all the welfare schemes initiated by the Government. I request the Government to create National Rural Bank at the earliest.