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Title: Impact of weak monsoon on the Kharif output in the country particularly in Andhra Pradesh.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Dr. K.S. Rao, your matter has already been raised today while having the discussion under Rule 193.

DR. K.S. RAO (ELURU): Yes, Sir, I know. I would not take much time. I would come to the main points only.

Andhra Pradesh is one of the States, which has been affected by weak monsoon. The main reason is that the sowing season in Andhra Pradesh is from June to August and the coastal districts of Andhra Pradesh would get cyclones in November. Andhra Pradesh being the rice bowl of the country, it would be badly affected because of the weak monsoon.

Keeping all these things in view, I would request the Government to provide more funds for Andhra Pradesh through AIBP, about which the hon. Minister has already mentioned in his speech that he has provided Rs. 9,700 crore in the whole country.

Sir, similarly, the price of palmolein has come down from Rs. 6,300 to Rs. 3,800, and all the farming community ran after it and cut down their mango gardens, and are now repenting for going in for palmolein. Therefore, I would request the hon. Agriculture Minister to immediately intervene in the market and take steps to increase the price of palmolein to at least, Rs. 4,800.

My last point is that the Government of Andhra Pradesh has undertaken Jalayagnam activity in a big way, and there are projects, which can be completed immediately. The Pollawaram project is one project, which is linking Godavari and Krishna rivers.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The hon. Minister has already replied while speaking on the discussion under Rule 193.

DR. K.S. RAO : So, my request is that the Pollawaram project must be treated as a national project.