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Title: Need to set up a Crop Security Fund to address the problems being faced by the farmers in the country.

SHRI ANTO ANTONY (PATHANAMATHITTA): I request the Government to kindly take necessary steps to set up a Crop Security Fund instead of the Price Stabilization Fund (PSF) which is functional in the country. Price Stabilization Fund (PSF) fails to meet various challenges faced by the farming community in the country. PSF is intended to help the farmers when the prices of crops fall down drastically. However, Price Stabilization Fund has nothing to do with the crop failure due to natural calamities. Major reason of India's farmers suicides occur due to crop failure rather than slash in the prices of agricultural produces. The Government has been collecting huge amount from the farmers under the Scheme for the last nine years. Therefore, I request the Government to kindly set up a Crop Security Fund and avail reasonable interest to the Farmers for the amount collected from the farmers under the Price Stabilization funds. The Crop Security Fund should be well equipped to meet the wide range of problems faced by the farmers in the country.