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Title: Need to open more procurement centres to purchase Arhar Pulse directly from farmers in Maharashtra.

*SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI KHADSE (RAVER): Hon'ble Deputy Speaker Sir, I would like to raise an issue related to pulses procurement centres in this Zero Hour, because it is very important for my district as well as for Maharashtra State. This is related to Tur dal specially. Production was very less during last year and that is why people at large had to suffer badly. So, the State and the Central Governments co-ordinated well and they also encouraged farmers to sow this crop this year. Now, we have a bumper production of pulses especially Tur dal in Maharashtra.

Nafed and SAFC are procuring pluses but the procurement centres are less in numbers. These centres should be opened in every Tehsil, with adequate storage facilities and sufficient number of labourers to mitigate the sufferings of farmers. By declaring MSP, Central Government has taken a good initiative. So, I would like to request the Government to take some more steps in the wake of this increased production of pulses so that the farmers get good remunerative prices for their crops.

I would like to request Hon'ble Minister to take it seriously and immediate steps be taken up this regard to give relief to the farmers.

HON. DEPUTY-SPEAKER:

Kunwar Pushpendra Singh Chandel is permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shrimati Rakshatai Khadse.

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