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title: Need to substantially enhance the availability of funds sub-mission on Agriculture Mechanisation in Odisha.

DR. KULMANI SAMAL (JAGATSINGHPUR): Respected Speaker Madam, thank you very much for giving me an opportunity to raise an important issue.

The demand for agricultural machineries and equipments has been increased manifold in my State, Odisha. The farm power input in my State is 1.55 kilowatt hectare compared to 2 kilowatt at the national level. So, to minimize this disparity, around 92 per cent of small and marginal farmers of my State are provided with farm machinery and equipments at subsidized rate. In this regard, the State Government has provided Rs. 250 crore, whereas the assistance of the Central Government is only Rs. 12 crore under the Central sector scheme on Agriculture Mechanisation Mission, which is not adequate to meet the target.

Hence, I urge upon the Government of India to consider enhancement of allocation of funds from meagre Rs. 12 crore to at least Rs. 100 crore under the said scheme.

Thank you, Madam.

HON. SPEAKER: Shri Rabindra Kumar Jena is permitted to associate with the issue raised by Dr. Kulmani Samal.