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Title: Regarding agriculture Insurance Scheme in Andhra Pradesh .

SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU (SRIKAKULAM): Thank you Madam Speaker for giving me the opportunity to speak in the 'Zero Hour'.

Madam, I would like to use this opportunity to raise an issue that the farmers in Andhra Pradesh are facing. Over the last few years, their farm production has taken a big hit because of decrease in rainfall, farm techniques and non-availability of agricultural labourers. The Modified National Agriculture Insurance Scheme was introduced in India as a pilot scheme. It was implemented last year in my constituency, Srikakulam but this year it is not being implemented and it is turning out to be a huge problem for the farmers in my constituency and elsewhere also. So, I would request the Government to re-introduce the scheme.

If there is any non-availability of funds or infrastructure with the Government of India, as we have done recently 49 per cent FDI in insurance sector, in the same way they should implement FDI in the agricultural sector also so that the farmers' insurance scheme is done at the national level and all the farmers get benefited through this scheme. Thank you, Madam.