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title: Need to take steps to promote Sona Masoor rice.

SHRI KARADI SANGANNA AMARAPPA (KOPPAL): Sir, regarding promotion of export of Sona Masoori rice, I would like to draw your kind attention to some areas of my constituency like Raichur, Sindanorr, Bellary, Koppal and Siruguppa, a part of North Karnataka. These areas are very much blessed by nature where water is always available through the Thungabadra Project for paddy crops, with a huge number of agro-based industry, that is, rice mills with modern technology which are especially suited for Sona Masoori.

This is the place where farmers are producing a huge quantity of Sona Masoori rice over six lakh hectares of paddy crops by the Thungabadra Project. Out of this, 90 per cent is only for Sona Masoori of good quality and the quality of this rice is very much in demand in India as well as in some other countries. If we get permission from the Government to export it to other countries, it will be helpful to meet the livelihood of our farmers as well as for our economic growth. Hence it is requested that this may be considered as a part of 'make in India' and permission for export may be granted by which our farmers as well as agriculture industry will get a boost from the Government.

Thank you.