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Title: Need to link Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee scheme with farm sector and also take measures to mitigate the sufferings of the farmers.

DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE (DHULE): Today, the farmers are compelled to commit suicides in the country. India is an agrarian economy. I would request the hon. Minister of Agriculture to bring a separate budget for agriculture so that farmers could get relief. It has been a popular demand of the farmers that they should get the price of their crops on the basis of input costs. Now, the pulses have been imported. The timing of the arrival of the imported pulses and the arrival of the crops of the farmers in the market would coincide, therefore, farmers would not get remunerative prices. The Crop Insurance Scheme has been in force for farmers for many years now. When it is time to pay the insurance amount to the farmers then the insurance companies work out the average of production arbitrarily and even do not give the amount in time. When some farmer commits suicide then several laws are applied. I would therefore, request the hon. Minister of Agriculture that when a farmer commits suicide for any reason then the dependants of the deceased should get the compensation or the assistance without any hassle. The MGNREGA scheme should be linked with farming and a farm labourer should get a 100 days job work under MGNREGA. This will help the farmer besides bolstering the GDP. For Maharashtra, the farmers have not been able to pay their loan due to natural calamities, therefore, their loan should be waived off hundred per cent.