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Title: Need to set up a Welfare Board for education of children of farmers who committed suicides due to agrarian problems.

SHRI R. DHYUVANARAYANA (CHAMARAJANAGAR): Hon. Speaker, thank you very much for giving me this opportunity to speak during Zero Hour. I want to raise an important issue regarding the establishment of a Farmer's Welfare Board to facilitate the education and career needs of students whose parents have committed suicide due to various agrarian problems across the country.

India is an agrarian country and 60 per cent of the population depends on agriculture. It is estimated that 2.5 lakh Indian farmers have committed suicide in the last 16 years. Though the Government has made efforts in terms of welfare scheme but the most affected persons due to death of a farmer in their families is their children. Even today we are noticing several incidents of talented students of farmers whose families are unable to support their basic and higher education. So, my sincere request to the Union Government is that they should take necessary action to establish a Welfare Board for the children of the farmers for their education.

HON. SPEAKER:

Kunwar Pushpendra Singh Chandel is permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shri R. Dhruvanarayana.