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Title: Need to include sericulture and sugarcane cultivation in Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana.

SHRI D. K. SURESH (BANGALORE RURAL): I would like to request the Union Government to include crops like sericulture and sugarcane in the newly introduced Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) for the benefit of farmers. Both sericulture and sugarcane are very important crops in the country especially in Karnataka. In Karnataka nearly 4 lakh hectares have been brought under these crops. Due to drought and other natural disasters farmers have suffered huge losses almost every year. They are unable to bear the financial burden. They are giving up farming and taking petty jobs in cities and some are even taking extreme steps. Therefore, I would like to suggest to the Government to consider and make necessary changes in the policy and include Sericulture and Sugarcane crops in the ambit of the newly introduced Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY). This will help farmers and make the scheme meaningful and successful.