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Title :Regarding problems faced by farmers of Tamil Nadu due to demonetization of currency notes.

SHRI R. GOPALAKRISHNAN (MADURAI) : The demonetization move of the Central Government left the rural people especially the farming community stranded. They are unable to exchange their hard earned money which is in old currency notes. They are unable to even exchange. The RBI's no exchange rule for cooperative banks hits farmers. The Primary Agricultural Credit Cooperative Societies and other co-operative banks are the back bone of rural economy. Lakhs of farmers totally depend on these societies/banks. So is the case of exchanging the old currency notes.

As the Government is aware, this is the sowing season. The farmers require to purchase seeds, fertilizers, etc. Most of their transactions are on cash basis. The technology of paying through cards/payment wallets etc has not yet penetrated to that extent into the villages. They are not getting the necessary support of the cooperative societies/banks as they are hard pressed due to non-availability of new currency notes.

Therefore, I urge upon the Central Government to take up the matter with the RBI and direct RBI to supply adequate number of new currency notes to the Cooperative Societies/banks to ease the cash flow in the rural areas and among the farmers of Tamil Nadu. Further, the RBI has to relax its rules and regulations and allow the cooperative societies/ banks to enable the farmers to exchange their old notes currency.