

Sixteenth Lok Sabha

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Title: Regarding crop insurance for farmers in Kurnool Parliamentary Constituency in Andhra Pradesh.

SHRIMATI BUTTA RENUKA (KURNOOL): Thank you, Madam Speaker.

First of all, I would like to wish everyone a happy and prosperous new year. ... *(Interruptions)* I would like to bring to the notice of this august House the problems faced by the farming community because of non-settlement of insurance claims. The best scheme that has been formulated for the benefit of agriculturists since Independence is the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, with very attractive premium rates. ... *(Interruptions)* However, due to implementation glitches, the suicides by farmers are still continuing across the country. The Scheme has not been able to provide relief to the farmers and the implementation of the Scheme on the ground is not inspiring. ... *(Interruptions)*

The Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana aims at speedy settlement of claims through the use of technology. The real relief to the farmer is when the claim amount is received within a month of crop loss. ... *(Interruptions)* The Scheme appears to be efficient in terms of collection of premiums but not so in terms of payment of claims. The Scheme has substantially increased the insurance cover but does not serve the cause of farmers when payment is not made in time for the crop failure. ... *(Interruptions)*

I would request the Government to look into the issues which are coming in the way of its effective implementation. ... *(Interruptions)*

HON. SPEAKER:

Shri Bhairon Prasad Mishra and Kunwar Pushpendra Singh Chandel are permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shrimati Butta Renuka.

... *(Interruptions)*

HON. SPEAKER: Shri Kapil Patil – not present; Shrimati Aparupa Poddar – not present.

Shri S.P. Muddahanume Gowda.

... *(Interruptions)*