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Title: Regarding supply of sufficient quantity of Urea to farmers in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

SHRI JAYADEV GALLA (GUNTUR): Andhra Pradesh (18-20 lakh tonnes) and Telangana (16 lakh tonnes) need together nearly 34 lakh tonnes of Urea during Kharif and Rabi seasons. And, the entire requirement of Urea is supplied by one fertilizer company situated in East Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh. But, the company has stopped its Urea production from last month due to working capital, subsidy issues, stoppage of gas by GAIL, etc.

The decision of the company to stop its Urea production has fallen like a bolt from the blue on farmers of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. Now, the decision of the company impacts production of 13 lakh tonnes of Urea being supplied to AP and Telangana.

Officials in the Agriculture Department of Andhra Pradesh started discussions with other Urea producing companies. But, the problem is that they cannot produce more than the quota allotted to each of such company by the Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers.

It is not just this company, but 29 out of 32 Urea manufacturing companies are incurring losses. It was reported that Government of India owes subsidy dues to the tune of Rs. 70,000 crores to these companies. Not releasing subsidies to these companies is absolutely unacceptable since it impacts farmers of this country.

In view of this, I request the hon. Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers to immediately ensure supply of sufficient quantity of Urea to two Telugu-speaking States for the coming

Rabi Season. I also urge the Ministry to release the entire subsidy amount due to all the 29 units without any delay.