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Title: Regarding problems of onion growers.

SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SADANAND SULE (BARAMATI): The price of onions has plummeted in the country due to bumper production. Onions harvested at end of May are mainly grown in Maharashtra (Pune, Nashik) and some parts of Madhya Pradesh. Due to abundance of onions, the price of summer harvested onions has fallen sharply to Rs. 1-3 per kg. To ensure that farmers get remunerative prices for their produce, Government must intervene to buy onions directly from farmers through Market Intervention Scheme. Though the Centre has promised to reduce price volatility of tomatoes, onions and potatoes (TOP) under Operation Greens scheme in 2018 Budget speech, its implementation is questionable. To enable farmers to make informed sowing choices, the Government must make real time data on onion sowing, cultivation and expected production made available to farmers. Thus, I urge the Centre to buy onions from farmers at remunerative price and provide better storage warehouses.