

Regarding matters pertaining to NDRF relief for hailstorm related crop damage , loan waiver, onion export subsidy ,lifting of diesel ban and NCAP fund irregularities in Solapur

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Chairperson Madam, yesterday, my constituency? Solapur? witnessed massive hailstorms, resulting in extensive damage to agricultural crops. Specifically, crops such as grapes, pomegranates, bananas, chickpeas, guavas, onions, melons, and roses suffered severe losses. However, damage assessment surveys (panchnamas) have not yet been conducted in Solapur. Given the magnitude of the losses incurred by the farmers in that region, it is imperative that relief assistance be provided through the NDRF. I, therefore, demand that all farmers who have suffered losses be granted an immediate and blanket loan waiver, as the scale of the damage they have sustained is immense. As the saying goes, "it is like adding a thirteenth month to a drought"?compounding an already dire situation. Whether it be food grains, pomegranates, or onion crops, the farmers' produce is currently stranded?metaphorically "stuck in the Strait of Hormuz." Traders are refusing to purchase the produce from the farmers. Consequently, the farmers of my Maharashtra find themselves in the midst of a grave crisis. As Shobha Tai just mentioned, the government has halted the export of onions; therefore, I demand that a subsidy of ₹1,000 per quintal be granted for onions. Furthermore, just yesterday, the District Collector issued an administrative order prohibiting farmers from purchasing diesel in barrels for use in their tractors; I demand that this ban be lifted. Finally, I wish to draw the government's attention to the significant irregularities observed in the utilization of NCAP funds in Solapur, and I demand that the government look into this matter as well. Thank you!